

Living Harmoniously with the Earth to Secure the Future

“Living harmoniously with the earth to secure the future,” part of the NEC 2030VISION, includes three elements: **decarbonization**, **preventing global warming**, and **water and food safety**. Under this banner, we intend to utilize our business to solve and improve climate change and a variety of other environmental issues occurring on the earth today, and realize a sustainable society. Since 2018, NEC has highlighted “environmental action with a particular focus on climate change” as one of its materiality themes. Therefore, we are providing value in the form of mitigation-based (decarbonization) and adaptation-based countermeasures to climate change, more specifically, reducing CO₂ emissions from customers and society through DX and “preparing for the various impacts of climate change.” By expanding provision of solutions and services that help resolve environmental issues, we will support the conservation of the global environment and the sustainable growth of both companies and society.

Environmental Initiatives for Realizing a Sustainable Society

As our response to climate change, we have set Science Based Targets (SBTs) for 2030 as part of our goal of reducing our CO₂ emissions to effectively zero by 2050, and are working to provide solutions and services to contribute toward resolving environmental issues.

2050

Course of Action for Climate Change Toward 2050

(Announced July 2017)
Effectively zero CO₂ emissions by 2050

2030

SBT* 1.5°C (Validated in May 2021)
Reduce Scope 1 and Scope 2 CO₂ emissions by 55% compared with fiscal 2018

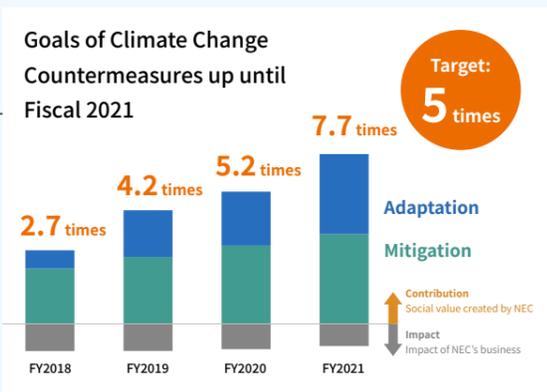
2020

Create Five Times More Environmental Value through Business

(Announced July 2014)

2018

“Response to environmental issues centered on climate change” positioned as materiality

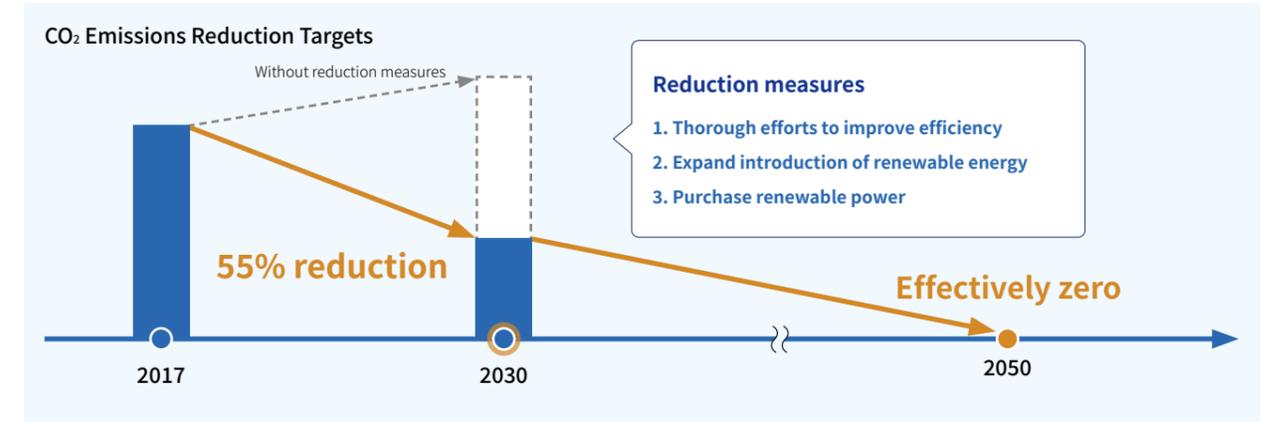


* Science Based Targets

Aiming to Reduce CO₂ Emissions to “Effectively Zero” by 2050

Decarbonization Preventing global warming

In July 2017, we formulated our climate change countermeasure guidelines up to 2050 in order to strengthen NEC’s sustainable management base and promote creation of a sustainable society together with our customers. In accordance with these guidelines, we aim to reduce CO₂ emissions associated with NEC’s business activities (Scope 1 and Scope 2) to effectively zero by 2050. In 2021, NEC joined RE100 and is dedicated to procuring 100% of its electricity from renewable sources.



NEC's Initiatives Toward Achieving the SBTs

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In 2021, we increased the stringency of our Science Based Targets for climate change countermeasures from the “well below 2°C” goal to an alignment with the “1.5°C” goal, and we are redoubling efforts to reduce environmental footprint and risks throughout our supply chains. Since CO₂ emissions from the supply chain account for 95% of NEC’s total emissions, we are making new efforts to reduce emissions from purchased goods and services through engagement with our suppliers. These efforts are in addition to our existing efforts to reduce emissions from the use of sold products.



Reducing Scope 3 CO₂ Emissions from the Supply Chain



* Comprises 35% of all Category 1 emissions

NEC's Business Model

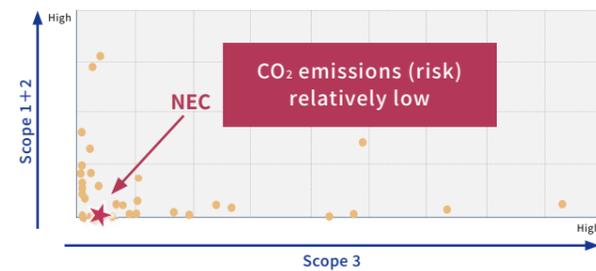
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Contributing to Decarbonization through Business

Decarbonization

Although NEC's CO₂ emissions are small relative to the rest of the industry, with a small impact on society, industries with high CO₂ emissions can take advantage of NEC's ICT technology to help reduce their emissions. Therefore, we are ramping up efforts to make our business means toward decarbonization to accelerate the decarbonization process across society.

NEC's Position When Mapping Corporate CO₂ Emissions



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Calculation Methods for CO₂ Emission Reductions

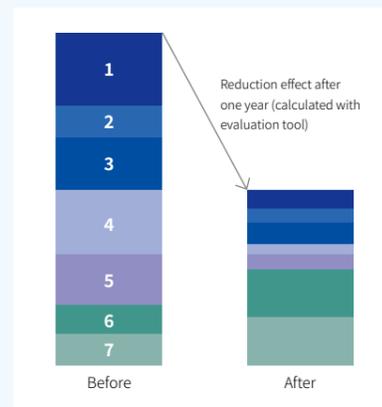
Use CO₂ emissions as a metric for evaluating changes from introducing ICT (centered on seven activities concerning CO₂ emissions)

Ways that introducing ICT can reduce impact

- 1. Human Movement: Use of online conferencing systems
- 2. Use of Paper: Electronic file sharing, e-books
- 3. Use of Object: Use of network services
- 4. Object Movement: Streamlining logistics, digitalized items
- 5. Object Storage: Lower storage space needs from reduction in paper and objects

Ways that introducing ICT can increase impact

- 6. Use of IT Devices: Greater power consumption from increased use of IT devices for new systems
- 7. Use of Network Services: Greater power consumption from increased use of network services



Contributing to Society with Businesses Related to Carbon Neutrality

Resource aggregation business
FY2026 business scale: 12.0 billion yen

Expansion of business

Decarbonization management solutions
Circular economy
Energy management

Contribution to a decarbonized society

- Uptake of renewable energy
- Improvement of resource productivity of industrial sector

CO₂ reduction economic effect: 90.0 trillion yen*

* Source: Green Growth Strategy for Carbon Neutrality in 2050 (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, published in 2020)
Note: Market size is an estimate of the Japanese market in 2030.

Other Examples

Please refer to page 42 of *Sustainability Report 2021* to learn about our efforts to reduce CO₂ emissions in Africa with a Hybrid Energy Storage System.

Decarbonization

Please refer to page 41 of *Sustainability Report 2021* to learn about our IoT-based River Water Level Monitoring System, which has been installed as a global warming measure and to assist with water safety.

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Risks and Opportunities

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Recognizing the impact that such environmental risks as climate change and pollution by hazardous substances could have on its businesses, NEC conducts risk reduction and prevention activities through assessment, inspection, and education.



For climate change in particular, we examine risks and opportunities from both a short-term and a medium- to long-term perspective in line with TCFD recommendations, evaluate future impacts, and identify assets in relation to risk countermeasures and opportunities.

Risks and Opportunities at a Glance

Climate change

Other environmental issues

Environmental Targets: NEC Eco Action Plan 2025

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To reduce CO₂ emissions to “effectively zero” by 2050, we have set a series of environmental targets to be achieved over the course of five years, based on the NEC 2030VISION and the Mid-term Management Plan 2025.

We have selected 11 priority activities based on the three goals.

1. Reduce own risks and footprints
2. Increase contributions through businesses
3. Build foundations to promote environmental management

2.3 For more details on the NEC Eco Action Plan 2025, please refer to pages 31 and 32 of *Sustainability Report 2021*.

1. Reduce own risks and footprints

Themes		Indicator	FY2026 Targets
Reduction of CO ₂ emissions	In-house	Reduce total emissions (absolute value) (SBT)	Reduction rate of energy-derived CO ₂ emissions (absolute value) (compared with FY2018)
		Expand use of renewable energy	Amount of electric power used from renewable energy
	Supply chain	Reduce Category 1 emissions (SBT)	Reduction rate of energy-derived CO ₂ emissions from purchased goods and services (compared with FY2018)
		Reduce Category 11 emissions (SBT)	Improvement rate of product energy efficiency (compared with FY2014 products)
Reduce water usage		Reduction rate (compared with FY2019)	-3.5%
Reduce waste emissions		Reduction rate (compared with FY2019)	-4.8%

External Evaluation Regarding the Environment

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NEC was included in the “A List” for both climate change and water security in 2019 and 2020 consecutively. NEC was also listed on the CDP’s supplier engagement “Leaderboard,” the highest recognition the CDP offers for supplier engagement.

