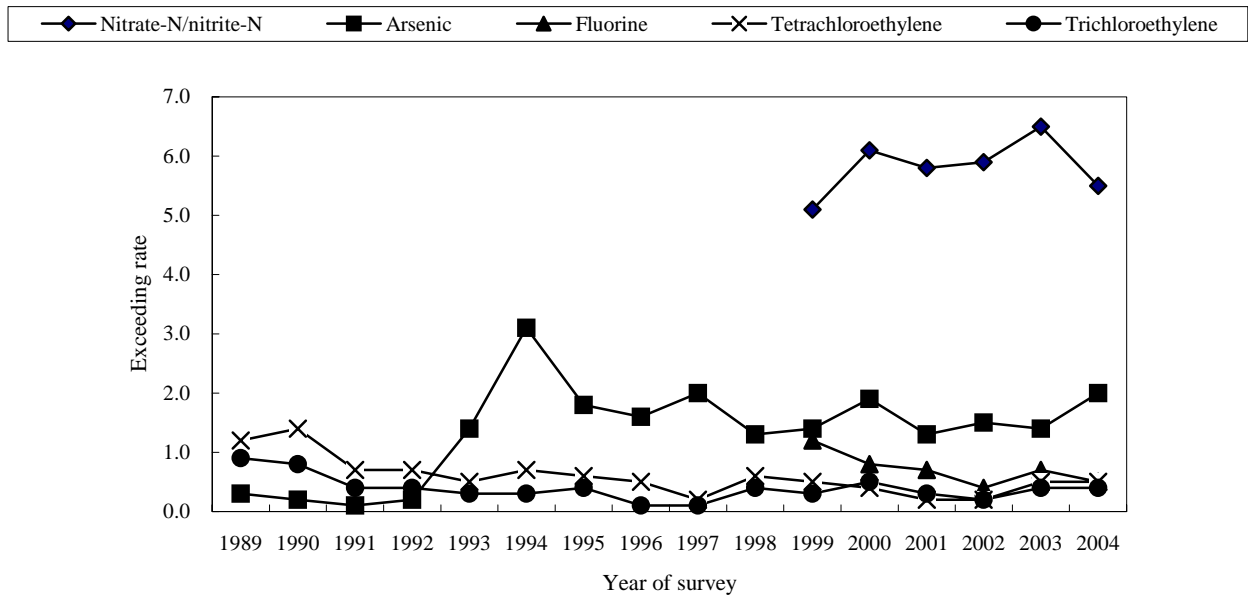


Fig.2 Changes in Exceeding Rate of Environmental Quality Standards of the Top Five Substances



- Notes: 1. Different wells were surveyed in the general monitoring survey every year.
 2. The environmental quality standards (EQSs) for groundwater were established in FY 1997. Assessment standards were used before the establishment of the EQSs. (The assessment standard for arsenic was revised from "0.05mg/L or less" to "0.01 mg/L or less.")
 3. Nitrate-N/nitrite-N, fluorine and boron were added to the list of substances for which EQSs shall be set in 1999.