

On the H₂S concentration continuous observation at Kurikoma volcano

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Kurikoma volcano is an active volcano located on the junction of Miyagi, Akita, and Iwate prefectures. A phreatic explosion occurred in 1944 and 1744, it generated acid water descended on the Iwai River triggered by a phreatic explosion.

Active fumaroles can have been observed along the Ohjigoku-dani valley and Showa Crater, especially, trails are maintained along Ohjigoku-dani valley, and many climbers are exposed to volcanic gas.

We installed the environmental H₂S sensors which called "odalog" (<http://www.jmsystem.co.jp/kazan/odalog.html>) in order to ascertain the concentration of H₂S along the trail and beside the Showa Crater during June 6 to October 3, 2018.

The result of our observation, high concentration H₂S gas can be observed, especially, instantaneous maximum concentration can have been observed 334 ppm at Showa Crater, and 38 ppm at Ohjigoku-dani valley. It is necessary to take immediate measures against volcanic gas for climbers.

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