

September, 8th 2006, the Minister of MONRE issued Circular 08/2006/TT-BTNMT guiding strategic environment assessment, environmental impact assessment and environmental protection commitments.

The Circular's regulation's scope is to guide some contents of Decree 80/2006/ND-CP on regulation in detail and guiding to implement some articles of Law on Environmental protection, 2005 about environment assessment, environmental impact assessment and environmental protection commitments, includes:

1. *preparation and review of strategic environment assessment report,*
2. *preparation, review and approval of environmental impact assessment report, additional environmental impact assessment report, implementation and inspection of environmental protection contents in environmental impact assessment reports and additional environmental impact assessment reports and requirement of approval decision*
3. *preparation, registration and certification environmental protection commitments;*
4. *This circular does not apply to previous operating units, including the units which do not implement provisions of environmental impact assessment before*
5. *strategies, plans, projects in the fields of security, army and state secrets will be guided in other documents.*

For *preparation and review of strategic environment assessment report*, The Circular guides in detail following steps: 1-preparation strategic environment assessment report, 2-sending proposal dossier for review of strategic environment assessment report, 3-review of strategic environment assessment report.

For *preparation, review and approval of environmental impact assessment report, implementation and inspection of certification of environmental protection of contents in environmental impact assessment reports and additional environmental impact assessment reports*, the Circular guides in detail following steps: 1-preparation of environmental impact assessment report, 2-comments from communities, 3-sending proposal dossier for review of environmental impact assessment report, 4-review of environmental impact assessment report (including reviewed by the Council or by the review service organizations, 5-completion of the report, 6- approval of environmental impact assessment report, 7- certification and sending approval environmental impact assessment report

For *preparation, registration and certification environmental protection commitments*, this Circular guides in detail following steps: 1-preparation of environmental protection commitments, 2- registration of environmental protection commitments, 3- certification of environmental protection commitments (or mandate of certification of environmental protection commitments) 4- sending certificated environmental protection commitments. This circular also stipulates requirements and structures of one report, commitments, *forms of review proposal, registration, forms of the report's cover, forms of certifications, forms of summary report, forms of plan of setting up works of environment treatment and protection, forms of plan of test operation of up works of environment treatment and protection.*

At the same day, Minister of MONRE also issued Decisions No 13/2006/QĐ-BTNMT on issuing Regulation of organization and operation of the review Council of strategic environment assessment report, the review Council of environmental impact assessment

report. This is an important legal document to ensure implementation of provisions of LEP on environmental impact assessment. Following this Regulation, the Councils will be established by the heads of agencies organize to review report in accordance with the form attached this Regulation. The Council consist of at least 7 members including: 1 chairman, secretary, 02 opponent members, 01 vice chairmen in case of necesarity. Components of the Council will be complied with Clau 2, Article 17, Clause 3, Article 21 of LEP. The Regulation provides in detail the powers, responsibilities of the Council's member; operations of the Council under meeting ..