



NOTIFICATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS 1/2025

CLARIFICATION ON THE PRACTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (EMP) AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REQUIREMENTS BASED ON THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT (PRESCRIBED ACTIVITIES) ORDER, 1994

Sir/Madam,

1. Please be informed that, with **immediate effect**, the submission of EMP shall no longer be accepted for development projects fall under the category of Prescribed Activities listed in the First Schedule of the Natural Resources and Environment (Prescribed Activities) Order, 1994.
2. For development projects not classified as Prescribed Activities, neither an EMP nor an EIA is required to be submitted to the NREB for consideration and approval, unless otherwise directed by the Controller of Environmental Quality. The NREB will not process EMP submissions that do not comply with this directive, and any fees paid for such non-compliant submissions will be non-refundable.
3. To clarify further, the requirement to submit an EMP following the approval of an EIA applies only to the following category of Prescribed Activities:
 - i. Oil Palm Plantations in relation to replanting activity;
 - ii. Forestry operations in relation to entry into new coupes; and
 - iii. Projects where an EMP submission is explicitly required as a condition of EIA approval.
4. Additionally, we wish to reiterate that the requirement to submit an EIA is strictly confined to development activities that fall under the category of *Prescribed Activities* listed in the First Schedule of the Natural Resources and Environment (Prescribed Activities) Order, 1994.

5. Your cooperation in adhering to this clarification and directive to ensure compliance with the prevailing legal framework and to promote efficient regulatory practices is appreciated.

Thank you.

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