

Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance – Guidance Notes

Background

The Environmental Protection Department is committed to the Continuous Improvement Strategy which was put forward in the Review of the Operation of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Ordinance completed in September 1999 to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the EIA process. To facilitate the work of stakeholders, we have consolidated our experiences and that of stakeholders into useful guidance notes. The first batch of eight guidance notes was issued in early 2002 after consultation with the EIA Subcommittee. These guidance notes are available on the web site of EIA Ordinance.

2. To further strengthen our service, three sets of guidance notes were drafted in early 2003 and circulated to stakeholders for discussion, including the EIAO User Liaison Groups, EIA consultants, contractors, etc. The guidance notes have been discussed in depth and revised to reflect good practices.

Advice Sought

3. Members' views are sought on the following three sets of guidance notes –
- (a) GN No. 9/2004 Preparation of Construction Noise Impact Assessment under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance;
 - (b) GN No. 10/2004 Methodologies for Terrestrial and Freshwater Ecological Baseline Surveys; and
 - (c) GN No. 11/2004 Methodologies for Marine Ecological Baseline Surveys.

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