

3. The Board of Investment Regulation Concerning Environmental Impact Assessment

The Investment Promotion Act B.E. 2520 (1977) is administered by the Board of Investment (BOI) whose function is to promote domestic and foreign investment considered important and useful to the social and economic development of Thailand. To facilitate investors in obtaining all permits and registration to start business or operating factory, the One stop Service Center was established in the way that investor can contact only this office for permitting process.

In environmental quality control, The Investment Promotion Act states in Section 19 that the investment project to which the Board may grant promotion shall be one which incorporates appropriate measures for the prevention and control of adverse effects on environmental quality in the interest of the common good of the general living of the public and for the perpetuation of mankind and nature, and Section 20 stated that in the case where the Board deems it appropriate to grant promotion to any applicant, the Board may stipulate conditions on prevention and control of the damage of environmental quality.

For those applicants of the projects which are required to prepare Environmental Impact Assessment under the National Environmental Quality Act, as mentioned in section B (1) entitled "Types and Sizes of Projects or Activities Requiring Environmental Impact Assessment Reports", must submit EIA report to the One Stop Service Center for further review by Office of the National Environment Board.