

Environment Agency– Abu Dhabi



Update of Environmental Permitting Procedures and Guidelines

Welcome Remarks
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Launch Ceremony
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Welcome

- ❑ Welcome to the launch of the updated Environmental Permitting Procedures and Technical Guidance Documents
- ❑ EAD is proud to announce the release of this suite of new and revised documents, which have been developed to improve environmental performance in the Emirate and align it with international best practices
- ❑ This marks a significant achievement in the continued efforts of EAD to ensure infrastructure and industrial development within the Emirate performs to high environmental standards.

Overview of Updates

- ❑ The suite of documents includes revised Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the environmental permitting of development projects and industrial facilities within the Emirate of Abu Dhabi
- ❑ These are supported by a series of Technical Guidance documents for the preparation and submission of environment studies and management plans
- ❑ The SOPs and Technical Guidance documents are designed to help guide proponents and their consultants through the process for obtaining an environmental permit through EAD and in preparing the required environmental reports

Why the updates?

- ❑ The documents comply with Federal Law No.24 of 1999 and support and complement the Abu Dhabi EHSMS Framework
- ❑ The SOPs and Technical Guidance documents have been updated to “raise the bar” on environmental permitting and reporting in the Emirate
- ❑ The revisions are based on international best practices for permitting processes and requirements for the preparation and submission of environmental studies
- ❑ This is part of EAD’s vision for continued improvement in the environmental work in the Emirate and it’s goal of becoming a world class agency.

Launch Ceremony

- This launch ceremony marks the official release of the documents to the public and aims to improve communication regarding EAD procedures and policies

- Invitations to the ceremony were extended to:
 - EAD-registered environmental consultants
 - Sector Regulatory Authorities
 - Staff from the EAD Environmental Management Sector
 - Other interested parties

- The suite of documents will now be publicly available for download from the EAD website

- The requirements outlined in the documents are in effect as of this launch ceremony

Launch Ceremony

- The presentations this morning will include the following:
 - **Session 1** will provide a more detailed overview of the updates to the documents
 - **Session 2** will outline the environmental permitting procedures for development projects, industrial facilities and hazardous materials storage facilities
 - **Session 3** will outline the guidelines for preconstruction studies and environmental management plans
- There will be time for questions and discussion at the end of the sessions.

Concluding Remarks

- Once again, welcome and thank you for attending the launch of this exciting EAD initiative
- We look forward to continuing to work together towards a sustainable future and a healthy environment for the Abu Dhabi Emirate.

Thank you