

NOTICE 7/2012

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MANDATORY PRELIMINARY SITE ASSESSMENT FOR EIA ACTIVITIES

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Kindly be informed of the following requirement:-

1. **All prescribed activities** (proposed EIA projects) are required to go through the **Preliminary Site Assessment (*Penilaian Awal Tapak, PAT*) process, prior to the submission of EIA report (for PEIA) or Term of Reference (TOR) (for DEIA).**
2. The PAT process is to ensure that the proposed site/s for the EIA project is/are being assessed and screened at the early stage before the submission of EIA report or TOR to the DOE. This process will also assist the Project Proponent in selecting the best possible site.
3. PAT process for EIA activities – main points:-
 - (i) Is the concept of the proposed project in line with any development plan, policies or any decisions of the Government of Malaysia?
 - (ii) Is the site located in or adjacent to Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs)?
 - (iii) Category of land use– gazetted industrial area? agriculture land? etc.
 - (iv) Existing land use and future land use (Structural and Local Plans etc) within 5 km radius from the site?
 - (v) Adequate buffer zones from the project site to sensitive receptors? (based on existing and future land use).
4. The **application for PAT** by the Project Proponent is to be made to the **relevant Department of Environment (DOE) State Offices** for comments (*Ulasan PAT*), by using the ***AS PAT Form** that can be downloaded from the DOE's website at www.doe.gov.my.
*(*Note: The DOE is currently reviewing the AS PAT Form – broader scope and use of the form)*
5. The PAT comments issued by the DOE State Offices (*Ulasan PAT*) is to be attached in the EIA report/ TOR.

Thank you,

Secretariat
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