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DOE MEN TO GET POWER TO ARREST

KUALA TERENGGANU: The **Department of Environment (DOE)** will be given the power to arrest people who dispose of toxic waste illegally.

And only registered consultants will be allowed to conduct Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) studies and write EIA reports.

Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Douglas Uggah Embas said many substandard EIA reports had been submitted to the DOE.

"Most of the substandard reports were done by inexperienced EIA consultants who also lacked expertise in the field."

He said the definition of pollution in the Act would be changed to "a process or act that releases pollutants in breach of established standards" so that it will be clearer.

The penalty for the offence would be increased from RM100,000 to RM500,000.

On the enforcement side, he said the Environment Quality Director General would be vested with the power to stop projects found to be in breach of EIA rules and with serious impact to the environment.

"DOE officers will be given the authority to detain those suspected of illegal toxic waste disposal. The additional Section 37A, 37B, 37C and Section 38AA will be aligned with the Criminal Procedure Code."

" 100 % Environmental Compliance To DOE Industrial Effluent Standard B"
"If fail, subject to Max Fine of RM 100,000 and Max Imprisonment of 5 years or Both "

DOE Standard B:

- * COD = 200 mg/l
- * BOD = 50 mg/l
- * Zinc = 2 mg/l
- * O&G = 10 mg/l
- * pH = 5.5 - 9.0
- * TSS = 100 mg/l

Environmental Fact:

Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Switzerland, the United States, Japan and Britain are all countries that pride themselves with their strict environmental laws. These countries also lead in the export of hazardous waste to third world countries.



Be Responsible To Your Waste. You Do Not Litter & You Definitely Do No Like Others To Litter Your Home

Last 3 DOE Visits:

- F16L on 22/08/2011
- F5 on 11/08/2011
- F7 on 9/08/2011