



PRESS STATEMENT

PUBLIC ACCESS TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REPORTS

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES), through the Department of Environment (DOE), is committed to improving the quality of services in the implementation of Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) in Malaysia. EIA reports are a crucial planning process to control environmental degradation and ensure that development activities are carried out sustainably.

Currently, the DOE regularly displays and updates the status of EIA report decisions on its website. Access to EIA reports is limited to activities listed under the Second Schedule of the Environmental Quality (Prescribed Activities) (Environmental Impact Assessment) Order 2015 during the public display period.

To enhance the delivery system for EIA report reviews, the DOE has initiated measures to allow public access to approved EIA reports.

In an effort to improve the quality of EIA report delivery, the DOE has outlined two phases of public access improvements: the short-term phase and the long-term phase.

Starting February 2025, during the short-term phase, all Executive Summaries of EIA reports under the First Schedule and Second Schedule of the Environmental Quality (Prescribed Activities) (Environmental Impact Assessment) Order 2015 will be accessible to the public via the Enviro Digital@DOE library website at <https://edl.doe.gov.my/>.

The public interested in accessing full EIA reports can contact the State DOE Offices or the DOE Headquarters.

In the long-term phase, the DOE will assess the feasibility of allowing EIA reports to be downloaded from its website, taking into account funding requirements, the drafting of legal provisions for proposed amendments to the Environmental Quality Act, and upgraded facility capabilities.

The Ministry also welcomes public feedback on EIA reports for specific development proposals during the Public Display Period, where these reports will be uploaded periodically on the DOE website.

With this access, the Ministry hopes there will be no doubts about the EIA reports approved by the DOE. The public is also encouraged to play a more active role in contributing to sustainable environmental management.

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