



Wastewater and Solid Waste Management in Provincial Centers

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The 'Wastewater and Solid Waste Management Program' contributes to improved environmental conditions in, at present, six provincial centers through comprehensive wastewater management, comprising the enhancement of existing waste water collection systems and the construction of new waste water treatment facilities, and/or through improved collection and disposal of domestic solid waste. Capacity development for related municipal/provincial service providers and other relevant institutions assure the sustainable use of the facilities and contributes to improving customer services.

The Vietnamese partner cities/provinces include: Bac Ninh, Hai Duong, Vinh/Nghe An, Can Tho, Tra Vinh and Soc Trang. The German partner institutions include KfW-Development Bank, GTZ-German Technical Cooperation, and DED-German Development Service.

Component: TC Component 2 - Capacity Development Wastewater Management

Perspective: Institutional and Organizational Improvement

Activity: Wastewater Management Restructuring

Location: Bac Ninh, Hai Duong, Vinh, Can Tho, Soc Trang, Tra Vinh

Date: 2009

Institutional & Organizational Arrangements on Wastewater Management in Participating Companies

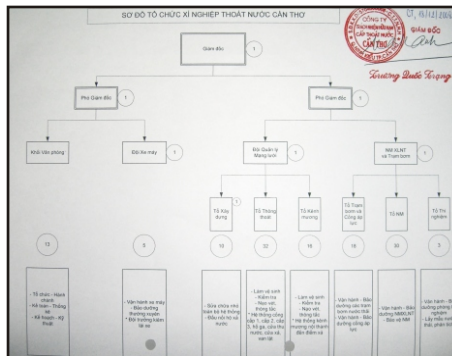
The WWM project is constantly striving to improve institutional and organisational arrangements in all cities and organisations participating in the technical cooperation and capacity building activities of this project.

Over the past months, a number of improvements have been achieved, contributing to improved performances and more efficient operations of the companies. Through trainings, coaching, consultancy and supply of equipment the WWM team has created a stable basis for developing the companies into modern public utilities.

1. Companies' reorganization and establishment of wastewater management divisions

Supported by the WWM project, all six participating companies have made efforts to restructure their organizations in order to strengthen their capacity for wastewater management. With a clear focus on their current and future customers, most of the companies have improved their performances by establishing units for customer care and asset documentation, internal audits as well as Management Information Systems.

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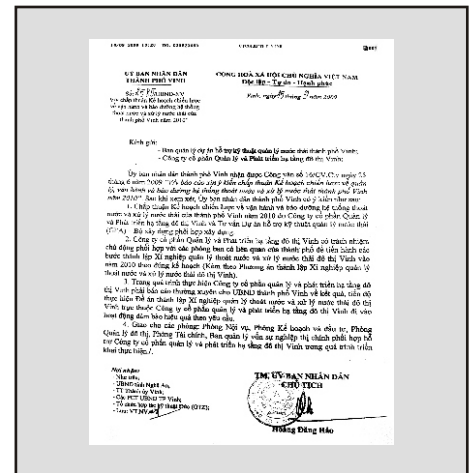


Hai Duong, CanTho, and Tra Vinh, their establishment is on the way in Soc Trang and Vinh. After restructuring their organisations, the companies will be able to operate and manage the newly constructed assets more efficiently.

2. Strategic plan for wastewater management in 2010 in Vinh City

This newly approved plan focuses on the improvement of institutional and organizational arrangements for wastewater management in the city, including operation and maintenance of the drainage/sewerage system and strengthening the management capacity of the Vinh City wastewater operator (CIDMC). O&M activities for the year 2010 will require an amount of 5.8 billion VND (some 340,000 USD).

The plan was approved by the Chairman of Vinh City People's Committee on September 15, 2009. Hence, the Wastewater Management Division in Vinh is assumed to be operational soon.



3. Local wastewater regulation and management contract between asset owner and operator

For creating suitable regulatory framework conditions for wastewater management in urban areas, the project is currently elaborating Local Regulations on Wastewater Management in all 6 participating provinces, starting with Can Tho City.

This regulation provides a fundamental regulatory basis for wastewater management in the cities, based on the national Decree 88/2007/ND-CP and Circular 09/2009/TT-BXD. The promulgation of the regulations will provide the wastewater operators with the financial autonomy needed for sustainably improved customer services. Related consultancy for Can Tho is foreseen to be completed by the end of 2009.