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Article (1): Definitions

The following terms and expressions – wherever they appear in this Executive Regulations – shall have the meanings set forth below, except where it is therein expressly otherwise:

Law: Environmental Law.

Executive Regulations: The Executive Regulations of environmental Law.

Executive Regulations: The Executive Regulations for Environmental Permits to Establish and Operate Activities.

Ministry: Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture.

Minister: Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture.

Center: National Center for Environmental Compliance.

Competent Authority: The Ministry or any of the national environmental centers, within their jurisdictions.

CEO: Chief Executive Officer of the Center.

Inspectors: Employees designated by the Minister or the chairman of the Center's Board of Directors to undertake environmental monitoring and inspections, and to apprehend, investigate, and substantiate violations to the provisions of the law and Executive Regulations.

Person: Any public or private natural or legal person.

Activity: Any industrial, commercial, or service-related facility, project, business, or other activities that are expected to have an environmental impact.

Supervising Authority: Any governmental body that is legally authorized to supervise the activity, and that is mandated to issue licenses for the undertaking of activities under its jurisdiction.

Environmental Impact: Any negative or positive change affecting the environment as a result of the conduct of any activity.

Major Change: Any expansion or change in the design, operation, or nature of any existing activity, which is likely to induce a negative impact on the environment.

Permit: Document issued by the Center to a person before undertaking an activity.

Permit Applicant: Activity owner or his delegate.

Permittee: A person granted a permit in accordance with the provisions of this Executive Regulations.

Environmental Permit to Establish Activities: Document issued by the Center to a person granting him the permission to initiate the establishment of an activity following the completion

of its classification and environmental impact assessment, and the prescription of environmental requirements and conditions to comply with during establishment.

Environmental Permit to Operate: A document issued by the Center to a person granting him the permission to operate the activity.

License: A document issued by the Center authorizing a person to undertake an environmental activity.

Licensee: A person who is granted a license in accordance with the provisions of this Executive Regulations.

Service Provider: A person licensed by the Center to provide environmental services.

Environmental Classification Form: A Form submitted to the Center used to determine the category of the suggested activity in terms of environmental impact.

Environmental Impact Assessment Study: Study aimed at determining, estimating, and evaluating the environmental impact of any activity classified by the Center, following the review of environmental classification form, as category 2 or 3, with the objective of incorporating any environmental considerations into the final design of the activity, along with economic, social, and security considerations, and identifying the necessary alternatives and measures to protect the environment.

Scoping Report of environmental Impact Assessment: Report detailing the scope of work of environmental impact assessment of category 3 activities.

Environmental Management Plan: Measures taken by the person to ensure and sustain environmental compliance. It is submitted as part of the procedures to obtain the environmental permit.

Strategic Environmental Assessment Study: A study aimed at identifying, estimating, and evaluating the environmental impacts of policies, strategies, plans, and programs for sectors or areas that governmental authorities propose to allocate to a developmental or human sector; to include all environmental considerations, and incorporate them alongside economic and social considerations.

Environmental Degradation: Severe damage to the environment caused by the depletion of natural resources, the destruction of natural habitats, the extinction of wildlife species, or the pollution of environmental media and the deterioration of air, water, and soil quality.

Environmentally Sensitive Areas: Areas with environmental significance and whose degradation has negative repercussions for the environment. they include protected areas, parks, forests, wetlands, significant bird habitat, mangroves, landscaped sites, watersheds, water catchment and run-off areas, beaches, waterways, aquifers or any other area(s) identified or

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declared as environmentally sensitive areas by the State, the Ministry, or the national environmental centers.

Sensitive Receptors: Receptors that are likely to be severely affected by activity or project due to their geographical proximity or sensitive nature. They include environmental elements, living species, archeological, cultural, and religious sites, and community groups (such as endangered species, hospitals, elder care centers, schools, residential complexes, and others).

Environmental Rehabilitation: Any procedure conducted on an environmentally degraded site or one that is affected by environmental damage, to restore its natural state of environmental balance, in accordance with the standards set by the competent authority.

Environmental Emergencies: Any operational incident within any activity or facility resulting in threatening natural habitats or harming the environment.

Confidentiality Agreement: A document handed by the Center to the activity - upon request - where all confidential information, data, technologies, and property rights are set out.

Article (2): Scope of Application

The provisions of this Executive Regulations shall apply to all persons who own or operate any new or existing activity with a potential environmental impact in the Kingdom, including establishing, operating, adjusting, adding, expanding, and closing the activity.

Article (3): The Center's Scope of Work Pertaining to Permits to Establish and Operate Activities

The Center shall undertake the following tasks:

(1) Setting technical requirements and controls for the environmental impact assessment studies in coordination with the competent environmental centers.

(2) Receiving and reviewing the environmental classification forms and the environmental impact assessment studies, and making the relevant decisions.

(3) Issuing up to date indicative lists of activities types' classification in accordance with the provisions of this Executive Regulations.

(4) Specifying and approving the rules, controls, and requirements related to environmental permits and licenses.

(5) Conducting field visits to the sites subject to permit requests, where needed.

(6) Monitoring the implementation of environmental management plan throughout all stages of any environmentally permitted activity.

(7) Requesting and reviewing self-monitoring reports during the establishment and operations phases.

(8) Issuing and renewing environmental permits and licenses, and collecting the corresponding financial dues.

(9) Monitoring and supervising the implementation of the requirements for environmental permits and licenses.

(10) Inspecting, monitoring, and apprehending violations of the law or Executive Regulations; and coordinating when needed with the competent authority at the Ministry of Interior for matters related to security control and violators' apprehension.

(11) Coordinating with the other national environmental centers whenever the activity or submitted studies are within the jurisdiction of these centers.

(12) Coordinating with laboratories as well as scientific and research institutes and experts, where needed, when reviewing environmental impact assessment studies.

(13) Ensuring that all environmental impact assessment studies, including environmental analysis, tests, and measurements are conducted by a service provider licensed by the Center.

Article (4): Classification of Activities Based on their Environmental Impact

(1) Activities shall be classified in three categories depending on their environmental impact, in accordance with which, the environmental impact assessment study requirement shall be determined.

(2) The Center shall classify or review the classification of activities in the categories specified in this Executive Regulations, depending on their environmental impact as follows:

a. Activity's type and size
b. Energy used
c. Depletion of natural resources caused by the activity
d. Land uses
e. Sensitive receptors in the activity's surroundings
f. Characteristics of environmental impact, including:
   - Impact nature (negative or positive, direct or indirect, cumulative, etc.)
   - Impact degree
   - Impact duration
   - Impact reversibility and possibility of restoration to the normal conditions preceding the impact

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- Impact potential occurrence
- Impact level/scale (global – regional – local)

(3) The CEO shall issue up to date indicative lists of activities types' classification in accordance with the provisions of this Executive Regulations.

(4) Activities shall be classified as follows:

First: Category 1 Activities

Activities expected to produce low environmental impact that does not exceed the perimeter of the activity's site.

Second: Category 2 Activities

Activities that are expected to produce moderate environmental impact throughout the different stages of the activity. This impact may be alleviated and controlled, and does not largely exceed the perimeter of the activity's site.

Third: Category 3 Activities

Activities that are expected to produce significant environmental, social, and economic impact, which may exceed the perimeter of the activity's site and adversely affect the sustainability of environmentally sensitive areas and receptors.

Article (5): Activities' Environmental Classification Form

(1) The permit applicant shall complete the environmental classification form using the template provided in Appendix (1) of this Executive Regulations, and submit it to the Center, enclosed with the documents specified by the Center. The Center may modify the environmental classification form, where needed, and avail it online.

(2) The Center shall review the environmental classification form, after collecting the corresponding financial dues, and make its decision on the environmental classification of the activity within ten (10) working days as of the date of the form, and the decision may include:

a. The activity's category pursuant to Article (4) of this Executive Regulations.
b. Request to rectify information or complete missing information; after which the Center shall make its final decision within ten (10) working days as of the date of receipt of all the required information or the amended environmental classification form.

(3) The permit applicant shall be notified of the outcomes of environmental classification form's review and the Center may extend the issuance period of its decision on

classification for a period that shall not exceed ten (10) days if the activity was not previously classified in the Center's lists.

(4) The permit applicant can request the re-classification of the activity by the Center, in case he provides documented evidence exhibiting adjustments, measures, or improvements made to reduce the environmental impact of the activity.

Article (6): Environmental Permits to Establish and Operate Activities

First: General Controls

(1) The Center shall specify all conditions and requirements for issuing environmental permits.

(2) The Center may conduct field visits to the sites subject to permit requests, as needed.

(3) The issued permit shall include the validity period and any requirements specified by the Center.

(4) The permittee shall comply with the permit's requirements.

Second: Environmental Permit to Establish Activities

(1) All persons shall obtain an environmental permit to establish activities from the Center prior to establishing or modifying any activity.

(2) The Center shall specify all conditions and requirements for issuing environmental permits to establish activities.

(3) All persons shall submit the environmental classification form to the Center when applying for an environmental permit to establish activities, pursuant to Article (5) of this Executive Regulations.

(4) The Center shall review the environmental classification form and make its decision on the activity's category, pursuant to Articles (4) and (5) of this Executive Regulations.

(5) The Center shall review the application for the environmental permit to establish activities and make its decision after ensuring all necessary requirements, depending on the activity's category, are met in accordance with Table (1), and the Center may modify those requirements where needed.

(6) Activities located within environmentally sensitive areas and near receptors or at a distance that does not exceed 500 meters from those shall conduct a detailed environmental impact assessment study.

(7) The Center may request an environmental impact assessment study in contradiction with the requirements of environmental classifications, provided that the request is justified.

(8) The validity period of environmental permit to establish activities is three (3) years, and the Center may extend it for two (2) additional years for large-scale projects that require long-term design and funding, in which case the extension request shall be included in the environmental impact assessment study.

(9) The Center shall collect financial dues for issuing and renewing environmental permits to establish activities.

(10) The Center may refuse to issue an environmental permit to establish activities provided that this decision is justified.

Table (1): Requirements for Obtaining Environmental Permits to Establish Activities

Category (Pursuant to the Center's Decision after Reviewing the Environmental Classification Form)	**Requirements for Obtaining Environmental Permits to Establish Activities**
Category 1	The Center's approval of environmental **management plan** and the **environmental rehabilitation plan** (for activities specified in the Executive Regulations for the Environmental Rehabilitation of Degraded Sites and Treatment of Polluted Sites), both of which conducted by a service provider licensed by the Center, pursuant to the controls and requirements specified by the Center and after collecting the corresponding financial dues
Category 2	The Center's approval of environmental **impact assessment study for category 2 activities**, pursuant to Article (7) of this Executive Regulations
Category 3	The Center's approval of environmental **impact assessment study for category 3 activities**, pursuant to Article (8) of this Executive Regulations

Third: Environmental Permit to Operate Activities

(1) All persons must obtain an environmental permit to operate activities from the Center prior to operating or undertaking any activity.

(2) All persons must obtain a new environmental permit to operate activities from the Center prior to introducing any adjustments to the activity type or size.

(3) The Center shall specify all conditions and requirements for issuing and renewing environmental permits to operate activities.

(4) The Center shall issue environmental permits to operate activities after fulfillment of all stipulated conditions and requirements, including the conditions and requirements of environmental permit to establish activities.

(5) The Center shall renew the environmental permit to operate activities after fulfillment of all stipulated conditions and requirements.

(6) The renewal of environmental permit to operate activities requires submitting, every three (3) years, an environmental audit study for category 2 and 3 activities, pursuant to the Executive Regulations for Environmental Inspection and Audits.

(7) The Center shall specify a validity period for the environmental permit to operate activities ranging between three (3) and six (6) years, and shall denote, for each activity, the classification controls and requirements, in addition to the permit's validity period, taking into consideration the activity's size and operational complexity as well as other operation and maintenance factors.

(8) The Center shall collect financial dues for issuing and renewing environmental permits to operate activities.

(9) The Center may refuse to issue the environmental permit to operate activities provided that this decision is justified.

Article (7): Environmental Impact Assessment Study for Category 2 Activities

(1) This article shall apply in the event the Center requests the permit applicant to conduct an environmental impact assessment study for category 2 activities.

(2) The permit applicant must conduct – through a service provider licensed by the Center – an environmental impact assessment study for category 2 activities as per the structure, outline and data requirements delineated in Appendix (2), and the Center may amend the template, as needed, without prejudice to the key elements of the study.

(3) The permit applicant must submit the environmental impact assessment study for category 2 activities to the Center.

(4) The Center shall review the environmental impact assessment study for category 2 activities, after collecting the corresponding financial dues, and issue its decision within thirty (30) working days as of the date of receipt of the assessment. The decision may include:

a. Approval of environmental impact assessment study for category 2 activities.

b. Request to rectify information or complete missing information; after which the Center shall issue its final decision within thirty (30) working days as of the date of receipt of all the required information or the amended study.

c. Request to develop the environmental impact assessment study for category 3 activities, as deemed necessary by the Center, taking into consideration the time consumed for the review of environmental impact assessment study for category 2 activities and the difference in financial dues.

(5) In the event the Center approves the environmental impact assessment study and issues the environmental permit to establish activities, the permit applicant shall implement the study's outcomes and recommendations.

Article (8): Environmental Impact Assessment Study for Category 3 Activities

(1) This article shall apply in the event the Center requests the permit applicant to conduct the environmental impact assessment study for category 3 activities.

(2) The environmental impact assessment study for category 3 activities shall include:

a. Scoping Report of the Environmental Impact Assessment Study.

b. Environmental Impact Assessment Study for Category 3 Activities.

First: Scoping Report of the Environmental Impact Assessment Study

(1) The permit applicant must develop – through a service provider licensed by the Center – a scoping report of environmental impact assessment study as per the structure, outline and data requirements delineated in Appendix (3) and submit it to the Center. The Center may amend the template, as needed, without prejudice to the key elements of the study scope.

(2) The Center shall review the scoping report of the environmental impact assessment study, after collecting the corresponding financial dues, and grant its approval, provided it does not have any comments, or otherwise provide the permit applicant with comments within fifteen (15) working days as of the date of receipt of the study.

(3) The Center may notify the permit applicant of the extension of the final deadline for reviewing the scoping report of environmental impact assessment study by a period not exceeding ten (10) additional working days. In the event the Center does not communicate its approval or comments during the extension period, the permit applicant must consider the scoping report of environmental impact assessment study as approved and must comply with it when conducting the environmental impact assessment study for category 3 activities.

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Second: Environmental Impact Assessment Study for Category 3 Activities

(1) The permit applicant must conduct – through a service provider licensed by the Center – an environmental impact assessment study for category 3 activities as per the structure, outline and data requirements delineated in Appendix (4) and taking into consideration the Center's comments on the environmental impact assessment study's scoping report and must submit it to the Center. The Center may amend the template, as needed, without prejudice to the key elements of the study.

(2) The Center shall review the environmental impact assessment study for category 3 activities, after collecting the corresponding financial dues, and make its decision within sixty (60) working days as of the date of receipt of environmental impact assessment study for category 3 activities, and the decision may include:

a. Approval of the environmental impact assessment study for category 3 activities.

b. Request to rectify information or complete missing information; and the Center shall issue its final decision within sixty (60) working days as of the date of the modified study.

(3) In the event the Center approves the environmental impact assessment study for category 3 activities and issues the environmental permit to establish category 3 activities, the permit applicant must implement the study outcomes and recommendations.

Article (9): General Provisions

(1) All persons must take into consideration the environmental impact assessment in feasibility studies and preliminary designs of activities.

(2) The Center may reject the environmental impact assessment study or cancel a previous approval thereof if the permit applicant segmented the activity and provided studies in multiple stages in a way that prevents the Center from classifying the activity appropriately or verifying the negative environmental impact of the activity, even if some parts thereof had obtained the environmental permit to establish activities.

(3) The Center may convene the permit applicant to deliver a presentation on the submitted environmental impact assessment study.

(4) The permittee must initiate the establishment of activities prior to the expiry date of environmental permit to establish activities, and in the event of an expired permit, the permittee must apply for a new environmental permit to establish activities, submit an updated environmental impact assessment study (for categories 2 and 3), and re-submit the classification form for activities belonging to category 1.

(5) The permit applicant may not claim the financial dues collected by the Center in the event of expiry of environmental permit to establish activities, and the Center shall collect new financial dues if the applicant submits a new application.

(6) The Center may suspend the environmental permit to establish and operate activities if major changes are introduced or conducted in regard to the activity after obtaining the permit, and the suspension shall persist until the necessary adjustments are made; and penalties shall apply to violations.

(7) The permittee is accountable for addressing any environmental impact if it occurs throughout the activity stages, if it is not stated in the studies submitted to the Center or if it is based on incorrect information.

(8) Reports, documents, and studies related to the activity shall be submitted in Arabic, and the Center may accept that all or part of them be submitted in English.

(9) The Center may include the controls and requirements for closing activities in the requirements of environmental permits to operate activities.

Article (10): Right to Object the Center's Decisions on Environmental Permits

(1) The permit applicant may object in writing the Center's decisions on environmental permits and to submit objections to the Center within fifteen (15) working days as of the date of notification. Objections received after the specified period will not be accepted.

(2) The Center shall decide on these objections within thirty (30) working days as of the objection receipt date.

Article (11): Apprehension of Violations and Imposition of Penalties

Violations of the provisions of the Executive Regulations shall be apprehended, and the penalties set out in Table (2) shall be imposed in accordance with the Executive Regulations for Apprehension of Violations and Imposition of Penalties of environmental Law, taking into account the following:

(1) Serious violations shall be prescribed a penalty proportional to the degree of damage, size and inherent importance of the damaged site, and economic and social implications arising therefrom.

(2) The estimation of the penalty for significant violations referred to in Clause (1) of this article shall be made by a committee formed of experts and qualified persons, established through a decision of the Center's CEO.

(3) Violations shall be deemed serious if they involve any of the following acts:

a. Acts stipulated in Article (35) of the law.
b. Acts that lead to environmental degradation.
c. Acts that harm sensitive receptors or environmentally sensitive areas.

Table (2): Violations and Penalties

#	Violation	Penalty (Saudi Riyals)	Comments
1	Providing incorrect information, data, or findings in any study, plan, or report submitted to the Center	From 1,000 to 100,000	The violator must rectify the violation and be referred to the public prosecution
2	Conducting the activity without obtaining an environmental permit	Category 1 5,000 Category 2 20,000 Category 3 50,000	The violator must rectify the violation, repair the damage, and pay compensations
3	Initiating the establishment of the activity without a valid environmental permit to establish activities	Category 1 5,000 Category 2 20,000 Category 3 50,000	The violator must rectify the violation, repair the damage, and pay compensations
4	Initiating the operation of an activity without an effective environmental permit to operate activities	Category 1 10,000 Category 2 20,000 Category 3 50,000	The violator must rectify the violation, repair the damage, and pay compensations
5	Introducing any modification or addition to any permitted activity without obtaining the Center's approval	Category 1 5,000 Category 2 20,000 Category 3 50,000	The violator must rectify the violation, repair the damage, and pay compensations
6	Not complying with the environmental permit requirements	Category 1 1,000 (Per Requirement)	The violator must rectify the violation, repair the

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#	Violation	Penalty (Saudi Riyals)	Comments
		Category 2 2,000 (per requirement)	damage, and pay compensations
		Category 3 10,000 (per requirement)	
7	Not complying with the implementation of the commitments stipulated in the environmental impact assessment study	Category 2 20,000 (per requirement)	The violator must rectify the violation, repair the damage, and pay compensations
		Category 3 50,000 (per requirement)	
8	Violating the controls and requirements specified by the Center for closing the activity	Category 1 5,000 (per requirement)	The violator must rectify the violation, repair the damage, and pay compensations
		Category 2 20,000 (per requirement)	
		Category 3 50,000 (per requirement)	
9	Not complying with the environmental management plan	Category 1 500 (per requirement)	The violator must rectify the violation, repair the damage, and pay compensations
		Category 2 2,000 (per requirement)	
		Category 3 5,000 (per requirement)	

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Appendix (1): Environmental Classification Form

Environmental Classification Form
1. Activity Name: ……
2. Contact Details of the Permit Applicant (or Officially Authorized Delegate): Name: …… Address: …… Phone Number: …… Fax Number: …… Email Address: …… Residential Address:.....
3. Activity Ownership: □ Public □Private
4. Activity Type: □ Residential □ Recreational □ Agricultural □ Commercial □ Services □ Developmental □ Infrastructure □ Tourism □ Other Type: □ Industrial (Please Specify the ISIC* Code): ..... * Please refer to the latest version of the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)
5. Activity Nature: □ New Facility □ Existing Facility Subject to: □ Adjustment □ Addition □ Expansion □ Rehabilitation □Dismantling

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6. Activity Objective:

7. Activity Site:

City: …….

Region: ……..……

Is the Activity Located in a Classified* Region? □No □ Yes;

Classification*: .....

Surface Area: ……..……. Hectares or Cubic Meters

Coordinates: ……:

Please enclose a site map showing the nearest residential and commercial communities and the surrounding environmentally sensitive areas.

* If the region is classified as industrial, agricultural, residential, or other.

8. Similar Activities:

- Is there a Similar Activity near the Suggested Activity? □ No □ Yes
  If the answer is yes, please specify the number of similar activities..... :
- Is there a Similar Activity in the Kingdom? □ No □ Yes
  If the answer is yes, please specify the number and locations of similar activities: .....
- If the Suggested Activity is New in the Kingdom:
  Is there a Similar Activity to the Suggested Project outside the Kingdom? □No □ Yes

If the answer is yes, please specify the countries: .....

9. Estimated Quantities and Types of Raw Materials:

10. Source of Raw Materials: ……..……

11. Estimated Energy Requirements: …….

12. Energy Sources:

From the Network: ……..……

From Power Generator(s): …….....……..……

From Other Sources (Please Specify): .....

13. Estimated Quantities and Types of Fuel:

14. Activity's Estimated Cost: ……..……. Saudi Riyals

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15. Estimated Duration of the Activity Stages:

Stage	Duration
Detailed Design	
Site Development and Construction Work	
Operation	
Cessation of Operation and Closing	

16. Permits and Licenses:

Please enclose copies of permits and licenses obtained at the time of filling out this questionnaire.

If the Activity is Industrial or Agricultural and Includes Manufacturing

1. Brief Description of Manufactured Products:

2. Manufacturing Capacity:

Minimum Capacity: …… Ton(s) / Day / Month / Year

Maximum Capacity: …… Ton(s) / Day / Month / Year

3. Estimated Number of Workers: ……

Comments:

Undertaking:

I / we, the undersigned, undertake that the abovementioned information is correct and accurate and that I / we did not intentionally omit any information that could render this application invalid. In the event of any future adjustments introduced to the activity, the National Center for Environmental Compliance shall be notified before proceeding with them.

Signature of the Permit Applicant (or Officially Authorized Delegate):

Date:

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Appendix (2): Outline and Content of the Environmental Impact Assessment Study for Category 2 Activities

Chapter Number	Chapter Title	Main Titles and Subtitles
	Table of Contents	
	List of Tables	
	List of Figures and Numbers	
	Definition of Terms	
	Non-technical Summary/Brief of the Study	
1	Introduction	(1-1) General Information on the Study (1-2) Rationale, Objectives, and Scope of Work of the Study (1-3) Study Outline (1-4) Information on the Permit Applicant (1-5) Information on the Service Provider that conducted the Study
2	Institutional and Regulatory Framework	(2-1) Institutional Framework (2-2) Regulatory Framework (2-2-1) National Laws, Executive Regulations, and Requirements (2-2-2) Regional Laws, Executive Regulations, and Requirements (2-2-3) International Laws, Executive Regulations, and Requirements (2-2-4) International Conventions and Treaties to which the Kingdom is a State Party (2-2-5) Findings of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Study, if any, and its Applicability to the Activity
3	Activity Description	(3-1) Activity Objectives and Rationale (3-2) Suggested Site for the Project (3-3) Project Elements with a Potential Environmental Impact (3-4) Activities throughout all Project Stages (3-5) Project's Geographical Scope (3-6) Required Surface Area for the Project

Chapter Number	Chapter Title	Main Titles and Subtitles
		(3-7) Types and Sources of Project Resources (3-8) Gas and Liquid Emissions, and their Reduction Methods (3-9) Solid Waste (Types and Disposal Methods) (3-10) Work Schedule (3-11) Project Scale
4	Description of the Surrounding Environment	(4-1) Physical Environment (4-2) Biodiversity (Land and Maritime) (4-3) Economic and Social Aspects (4-4) Archeology and Cultural Heritage (4-5) Sensitive Receptors
5	Impact Identification, Analysis, and Assessment	(5-1) Methodology Used for Impact Identification, Analysis, and Assessment (5-2) Analysis and Assessment of the Potential Impact (For each Applicable Environmental Element*) Expected throughout the Different Project Stages, including Cumulative and Residual Impact, and the Mathematical Modelling Forecasting of Pollutants from Sources (If Requested by the Center) (5-3) Summary of the Expected Impact Assessment * The Environmental Elements Related to the Activity May Include: - Natural Vegetation Cover - Air Quality - Noise - Odors - Water Quality (Surface, Aquifer, Maritime) - Quality of the Soil and Sediments - Biodiversity (Land and Maritime) - Health and Safety (Occupational and Public) - Natural Landscapes and Visual Comfort - Land Use - Waste Generation - Economic and Social Aspects - Archeology and Cultural Heritage
6	Plans	(6-1) Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (6-2) Environmental Rehabilitation and Treatment Plan (6-3) Suggested Plan for Environmental Impact Reduction (For Each Environmental Element) (6-4) Suggested Environmental Control and Management

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Chapter Number	Chapter Title	Main Titles and Subtitles
		Plan
7	Conclusion	(7-1) Summary of Methods of Treating, Mitigating, Improving or Controlling the Negative Impact on the Environment or Public Health, and Methods of Strengthening the Positive Impact (7-2) Summary of Roles, Responsibilities, and Budget for the Implementation of the Environmental Management Plan
8	Appendices	(8-1) List of References (8-2) Biographies of Report Authors (8-3) Technical Documents of the Project (Data, Drawings, Sketches, Maps, etc.) (8-4) Cadastral Maps of the Activity Site (8-5) Material Safety Data Sheets

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Appendix (3): Outline and Content of the Scoping Report of the Environmental Impact Assessment Study for Category 3 Activities

Chapter Number	Chapter Title	Main Points to be Included in the Scoping Report of The Environmental Impact Assessment
	Table of Contents	
	List of Tables	
	List of Figures and Numbers	
	Definition of Terms	
1	Introduction	(1-1) General Information on the Study (1-2) Information on the Permit Applicant (1-3) Information on the Service Provider that Conducted the Study (1-4) Information on the Environmental Impact Assessment Study - Study Scope of Work - Methodology - Study Outline (1-5) Objectives of the Scoping Report of the Environmental Impact Assessment
2	Institutional and Regulatory Framework	(2-1) Overview of the Institutional Framework (2-2) Overview of the Regulatory Framework
3	Activity Description	(3-1) Activity Objectives and Rationale (3-2) Suggested Site for the Project (3-3) Activities throughout the Project Stages (3-4) Project's Geographical Scope (3-5) Work Schedule (3-6) Activity Costs
4	Activity Alternatives	(4-1) Methodology for Selecting and Evaluating Alternatives (4-2) List and Description of the Project's Potential Alternatives (Alternative Site, Alternative Techniques, "No Change") to be Assessed in the Environmental Impact Assessment Study
5	Description of the Surrounding Environment	(5-1) Methodology for Data Collection and Analysis (5-2) Basic Description of the Physical, Biological, Archeological, Cultural, Social, and Economic Environment (5-3) Identifying Sensitive Receptors

		(5-4) Future Similar Activities (Projects) in the Project's Geographical Scope
6	Impact Identification, Analysis, and Assessment	(6-1) Methodology Used for Impact Identification, Analysis, and Assessment (6-2) Preliminary Analysis and Assessment of the Potential Impact (For Each Applicable Environmental Element*) Expected Throughout the Different Project Stages (6-3) Description of the Most Important Potential Environmental Impacts in Terms of Impact Nature, Size, Extent, Timing, Duration, Reversibility, Possible Occurrence, and Significance * The Environmental Elements Related to the Activity May Include: - Natural Vegetation Cover - Air Quality - Noise - Odors - Water Quality (Surface, Aquifer, Maritime) - Quality of The Soil and Sediments - Biodiversity (Land and Maritime) - Health and Safety (Occupational and Public) - Natural Landscapes and Visual Comfort - Land Use - Waste Generation - Economic and Social Aspects - Archeology and Cultural Heritage
7	Plans	(7-1) Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (7-2) Environmental Rehabilitation and Treatment Plan (7-3) Suggested Plan for Environmental Impact Reduction (For Each Environmental Element) (7-4) Suggested Environmental Control and Management Plan
8	Appendices	(8-1) Biographies of the Report Authors (8-2) Technical Documents of the Project (Data, Drawings, Sketches, Maps, etc.) (8-3) Maps of the Activity Site (8-4) Public Participation Documents (Presentations, Attendance Lists, Invitations, Communications, Questionnaires, etc.)

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Appendix (4): Outline and Content of the Environmental Impact Assessment Study for Category 3 Activities

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4	Activity Alternatives	(4-1) Methodology (4-2) "No Activity/Project" / "No Change" Alternatives (4-3) Site Identification Alternatives (4-4) Technical Alternatives (4-5) Comparison of Alternatives
5	Description of the Surrounding Environment	(5-1) Information on the Assessment Area (5-2) Physical Environment (5-3) Biodiversity (5-4) Archeological and Cultural Environment (5-5) Socio-economic Environment (5-6) Sensitive Receptors
6	Impact Identification, Analysis, and Assessment	(6-1) Methodology Used for Impact Identification, Analysis, and Assessment (6-2) Analysis and Assessment of the Potential Impact (For Each Applicable Environmental Element*) Expected throughout The Different Project Stages, Including Cumulative and Residual Impact, and the Mathematical Modelling Forecasting of Pollutants from Sources (If Requested by the Center) (6-3) Summary of the Expected Impact Assessment Prior to Mitigation * The Environmental Elements Related to the Activity May Include: - Vegetation Cover - Ambient Air - Noise and Vibrations - Odors - Water Quality (Surface, Aquifer, Maritime) - Quality of the Soil and Sediments - Biodiversity (Land and Maritime) - Health and Safety (Occupational and Public) - Natural Landscapes and Visual Comfort - Land Use - Waste Generation - Economic and Social Aspects - Archeology and Cultural Heritage
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9	Appendices	(9-1) List of References (9-2) Biographies of the Authors of the Environmental Impact Assessment Study (9-3) Technical Documents of the Project (Data, Drawings, Sketches, Maps, etc.) (9-4) Cadastral Maps of the Activity Site (9-5) Material Safety Data Sheets (9-6) Table Listing the Center's Comments regarding the Scoping Report of the Environmental Impact Assessment and How These Were Addressed in the Environmental Impact Assessment Study

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