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MNRE has prepared for registering the odor testers by human

Mr. Pralong Dumrongthai, Director General of Pollution Control Department (PCD), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) revealed that the MNRE set the standard of odor concentration in air pollution releasing from pollution sources. This standard is forced to 24 factory types which are mainly for factories that do not use chemicals in the production process, rubber factories and animal farms. The method of measuring odor concentration follows the Notification of the Pollution Control Committee for the method of measuring odor concentration by sensory test and the registered list of odor testers with PCD. The main content of this notification is to perform registration of the odor testers by PCD. PCD also has to announce and invite people attending the selection process of odor testers, then people who have been selected as odor testers will be listed in registering the odor testers and the list is available for 1 year.

Mr. Pralong said that H.E. Mr. Varawut Silpa-archa, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment followed up and played attention to the odor testers in order to solve the odor problems for people. The odor test comprises at least 6 odor testers for each odor test. The qualifications to become odor testers are people should have a normal sense of smell and not sensitive to smell or lacking the sense of smell. The odor testers who have these qualifications must be tested for perceiving odor before conducting the test method. Therefore, PCD determines the test for registering the odor testers every year to conduct the odor analysis from pollution sources and lead to tackle the odor issue.

In 2020, the PCD set up the test for registering the odor testers during 8-10 July 2020 at the smell analysis laboratory, 4th floor, the Environmental Laboratory building, PCD with a limit of 60 odor testers per day. There were 180 applicants from government agencies, private sectors and educational institutions with basic qualifications such as healthy condition, not having allergies or respiratory diseases, not during pregnancy and not working or living near factories or business areas because these factors may be caused by the familiarity of odor testers to other odors, etc. The person who passed the test will be registered as the list of odor testers to perform as an odor tester by sniffing. The odor testers will get paid around 600 baht per sample. Additionally, the most important thing is learning by doing through work experience, said Mr. Pralong.

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