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Establishment of Industrial Estates is an important government policy. The current government policy of decentralization industrial development by establishing new industrial estates in provincial areas of Thailand can offer the possibility that are experiencing stagnation.

The objectives of this study area are to evaluate the economic and social impact recently established industrial estate in Lamphun Province. It is hoped that the results of this study could suggest some ways to improve the planning of future estates, because this first estate has caused a number of problems in the surrounding area. The establishment of Northern Region Industrial Estates have had a direct impact on the physical environment for example land use, local economy, employment, the migration of the labour force, income, the quality of the environment (water and air pollution), garbage disposal.

For industrial estates to achieve the objectives of industrial estates development policy suitable regulations should be implemented, such as the establishment of comprehensive land use plans, and committees to advise on issues relating to community development in the industrial areas.