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PARIYANUCH KIMHACHANDRA: THE ROLE OF THE ASSISTANT SUBDISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS IN ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT:

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The purpose of this research was to study the factors affecting the role performance including problems, obstacles and suggestions of the assistant subdistrict administrative organization officials in environmental management in Nakhon Pathom province. The data collection was in the form of exploratory research through questionnaire surveys including qualitative research. The sample of exploratory research consisted of 102 assistant subdistrict administrative organization officials in Nakhon Pathom , and in- depth interviews with 4 district officers and 10 presidents of the subdistrict administrative organization executive committee.

The results of this research showed that, 1) The level of role performance by the assistant subdistrict administrative organization officials was at an intermediate level. 2) The results of multiple classification analysis (MCA) indicate that motivational factors, information received and knowledge of waste and waste water were significant factors which affected the role performance at the statistical level of 0.05

The problem and obstacles were: 1) insufficient budgets, equipment and personnel; 2) government regulations; 3) lack of coordination and responsibility between related organizations; 4) the officials had little knowledge of waste and waste water management; 5) council members, committee members and community people were not interested in waste and waste water management, and 6) laws didn't empower the officials to manage waste and waste water most effectively.