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UTID MAHAKITTIKUN : ROLE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SANITARY OFFICIALS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL RELATED TASKS : A CASE STUDY OF BANGKOK METROPOLITAN ADMINISTRATION (BMA). THESIS ADVISORS : PANNIPA BURAPHACHEEP, L.L.M, PRAKAIKAT SUKUMALACHART, M.S., SHUTIMA SAENG-NGERN, M.A. (ENVIRONMENT), 141 p. ISBN 974-663-970-6

This research is to study the practical role of environmental and sanitary officials at District Offices, BMA, as well as the influential factors on official's practical role, together with the problems and the recommendations for environmental performance. The study was conducted by using survey qualitative research. The quantitative data was collected through questionnaires from 224 environmental and sanitary officials in 45 District Offices. The qualitative data was collected by in-depth interview with 14 senior BMA officials who are working in the role of environmental and sanitary officials. The qualitative data was analyzed by descriptive techniques.

The research showed that most of the survey sample play a moderate role in environmental performance. The result of variance analysis presented that a perception of environmental information, and management had influenced on the environmental performance of environmental and sanitary officials at significant level of 0.01. The personal factors such as, educational background, position, working period and environmental experience did not effect these officials the environmental performance. Neither did socio- psychological factors, such as, the perception of role, the recognition of environmental values and environmental knowledge.

Problems and Recommendations : The survey samples and the key informants presented identical view that assigned duties should be balance with the number of staff. Professional development and environmental awareness should be done continuously. Official recruitment for each group of environmental work should be appropriate. The procedure of implementation of top down policies should be clarified. The issuing of ordinances and regulations should be appropriate to the current situation and be issued in a manner facilitating management and implementation.