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The objective of this research was to evaluate the context, input, process and product of the evaluation of the Environmental Protection Volunteer Training Program in the Environmental Action Plan of Ratchaburi Province using the CIPP Model. The sampling was comprised of two groups. The first group included 4 officers, and the second group of environmental volunteers. The sampling method used a two-stage random sample. The total sample size was 126 persons. Data were gathered using self - administed Interviewing Questionnaires and Indepth Interviews from February 2000 to April 2000. Data were analysed using percentage, mean, mode and standard deviation. The results showed that:

- 1. Context evaluation should be provided for the Environmental Volunteer Training Program in order to enhance the conservation of environmental quality.
- 2. Input evaluation for personnel, budget, time period was at a medium level but for accessories training materials, it was at a low level.
- 3. Process evaluation for project management, procedures, budget management activity and project time was at a medium level.
- 4. Product evaluation after the training programme showed the following results: Knowledge was at a medium level, awareness was at a high level, volunteer cooperation during training was at a medium level, volunteer participation after training was at a high level.

In order for this program to be more effective, the main department concerned with the training should provide a training course for the officers, and coordinate and assess the success of the operation. All important projects should be supported by a budget, information and training for the local people together with the environmental volunteers in order to give information about the importance of the environment, how to protect it, and how to preserve environmental quality.