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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**INSTRUCTION OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH  
NO. 778/Menkes/Inst/VII/1999 ; DATED JULY 2, 1999**

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**MONITORING OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**THE MINISTER OF HEALTH**

- Considering** : that in efforts to protect the community against environmental pollution resulting from industrial/mining activities, it is necessary to issue the instruction of the Minister of Health on monitoring of environmental quality;
- Bearing in mind** :
1. Act No. 23 of 1992 on Health (State Gazette No.100 of 1992, Supplement to State Gazette No. 3495);
  2. Act No. 23 of 1997 on Environmental Management (State Gazette No. 68 of 1997, Supplement to State Gazette No. 3699);
  3. Presidential Decree o. 61 of 1998 on the position, tasks, structure and working system of ministries;
  4. Decree of the Minister of Health No. 558/Menkes/SK/1984 on the organizational structure and working system of the Ministry of Health;

**INSTRUCTS :**

1. Head of the regional office of the Ministry of Health of the province of Special Region of Aceh;
2. Head of the regional office of the Ministry of Health of the province of North Sumatera;
3. Head of the regional office of the Ministry of Health of the province of Riau;
4. Head of the regional office of the Ministry of Health of the province of South Sumatera;
5. Head of the regional office of the Ministry of Health of the province of Lampung;
6. Head of the regional office of the Ministry of Health of the province of West Java;
7. Head of the regional office of the Ministry of Health of the province of the Special Region of Capital City of Jakarta;
8. Head of the regional office of the Ministry of Health of the province of Central Java;
9. Head of the regional office of the Ministry of Health of the province of East Java;
10. Head of the regional office of the Ministry of Health of the province of East Kalimantan;
11. Head of the regional office of the Ministry of Health of the province of South Sulawesi;
12. Head of the regional office of the Ministry of Health of the province of Irian Jaya.

- To :
1. Undertake monitoring of environmental quality (water, soil, air, food crops) particularly with respect to the heavy metal content, at least once in 3 (three) months.
  2. Undertake examination of the heavy metal content in the hair, blood, urine and breast milk (ASI) of the population with a high risk (families of fishermen, workers in heavy metal industries, mining workers, particularly smallholder's mining) at least once in 6 (six) months.
  3. Cooperate, in undertaking monitoring and examination, with the nearest Environmental Health Technical Center (BTKL) or the Health Laboratory Center (BLK) with a capacity to do this work.
  4. Immediately implement examination and monitoring as early prevention of health disturbance or hazards to the community and also immediately report the measures.
  5. This instruction shall take effect as from the date of stipulation.

Stipulated at J a k a r t a  
On July 2, 1999  
MINISTER OF HEATH  
signed

Prof. Dr. F. A MOELOEK

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