

**Project Title:
Provision of Cremators at Wo Hop Shek Crematorium**

Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap 499)

**Application for Variation of an Environmental Permit
(Application No. VEP-642/2024)**

Record of Consideration

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Application No.	Key Proposed Variation(s)	Reasons for Variation(s)	With reference to section 6.2 of the EIAO-TM, there is no material change to the environmental impact of the project with the mitigation measures in place	The project complies with the requirements described in the EIAO-TM	The Director agreed to amend the environmental permit under s13(5) of the EIAO in consultation with relevant Authorities (Please check the box below)
VEP-642/2024 Provision of Cremators at Wo Hop Shek Crematorium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove conditions 4.1, 4.2 & 4.4 which stipulated requirements on simultaneous operation of existing and new cremators at any time; the maximum number of cremators; maximum loading capacity; & operational time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Having reviewed the circumstances that there is a foreseeable occurrence of upsurge of demand of cremation service due to the service suspension of Kwai Chung Crematorium for reprovisioning and the local custom during the Lunar New Year Period, it is considered necessary to extend the cremation service of Wo Hop Shek Crematorium (WHSC) in respect of increasing operation hours and number of cremation. The chimney emission arising from operation (including variation of operation hours, simultaneous operation, and the maximum number of cremator, the maximum loading capacity) of WHSC is under control by the Specified Process (SP) License issued by EPD under the Air Pollution Control Ordinance (APCO). Hence, conditions 4.1, 4.2 & 4.4 are proposed to be removed to avoid unnecessary duplicate legislative control. 	Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed variation is to remove the requirements on operation hours, simultaneous operation, and the maximum number of cremator, the maximum loading capacity with no actual material change to the WHSC such as increase of number of cremators. The key environmental issues of the proposed variation include operational air emission and fixed noise impact. No other environmental issue arising from the proposed variation is anticipated. Regarding the operational air emission, according to the approved Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report and the Environmental Monitoring and Audit (EM&A) Manual, the air emission arising from the operation of the WHSC is controlled by the SP Licence under the APCO and with monitoring being conducted under the SP License to ensure no unacceptable air emission. Such requirement remains unchanged with the proposed variation. As for the fixed noise impact, unacceptable fixed noise impact is not anticipated since it can be effectively mitigated by the implementation of the mitigation measures recommended in the approved EIA report, such as application of silencers, acoustic barriers or enclosures to the concerned equipment, and the fixed noise impact is subject to control under the Noise Control Ordinance. On the above basis, the environmental requirements set out in the EIA report for this project are not exceeded or violated. Hence, there is <u>no material change</u> to the environmental impact of the project. 	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EPD/ Environmental Assessment <input type="checkbox"/> EPD/Air <input type="checkbox"/> EPD/Noise <input type="checkbox"/> EPD/Water <input type="checkbox"/> EPD/Waste <input type="checkbox"/> EPD/Sewerage <input type="checkbox"/> EPD/Hazard <input type="checkbox"/> EPD/Landfill Gas <input type="checkbox"/> AFCD <input type="checkbox"/> CAD <input type="checkbox"/> DoH <input type="checkbox"/> DSD <input type="checkbox"/> EMSD <input type="checkbox"/> FEHD <input type="checkbox"/> FSD <input type="checkbox"/> DoH <input type="checkbox"/> LCSD/AMO <input type="checkbox"/> MD <input type="checkbox"/> PlanD <input type="checkbox"/> TD <input type="checkbox"/> WSD <input type="checkbox"/> Others: Please specify