DRAINAGE AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANNING IN VIETNAM

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I. Overview of urban development in Vietnam

As of December 2015, Vietnam has 787 urban centers:

- 2 (special grade), 15 (grade 1), 25 (grade 2), 42 (grade 3), 75 (grade 4), 628 (grade 5)
- Rate of urbanization: 35,7%
- Forecast to 2020: Urban population of 44 millions; Rate of urbanization of 45%
- Forecast to 2025: Number of urban centers of 1000; Urban population of 52 millions; Rate of urbanization of 50%.



II. Current situation of drainage and wastewater treatment (1)

 Number of urban centers which has wastewater treatment plants is still low (35 wastewater treatment plants with a total design capacity of approximately 850.000 m3/ day&night).

- Many urban centers are building or have no treatment plants; household waste water is pre-treated through septic tanks, then follow the sewers and discharged directly into the environment.
- The proportion of households connected to the urban drainage network in many places is still very low.



II. Current situation of drainage and wastewater treatment (2)

- Many culverts have insufficient drainage section; concreted canals, sewers contributed to the limited drainage
- Urban inundation frequently occurs in Ho Chi Minh City, in Hanoi when heavy rains happen, and in other cities of Vietnam such as: Da Nang, Can Tho, Quy Nhon, Hai Phong, Nha Trang...



II. Current situation of drainage and wastewater treatment (3)

Reason:

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- 1. Impact of urbanization:
 - Increased construction land in urban areas
 - Area of the lakes, rivers is reduced
- Increased impervious surfaces (concreted surface...)
- 2. Drainage system is degraded, the implementation progress of projects is very slow
- 3. Impact of climate change: More frequent storms, hurricanes, sea level rise, early rain, flooding...
- 4. Quality of planning is low and incomprehensive; forecasting is still limited
- 5. Lack of investment capital
- 6. Many shortcomings in management
- 7. Awareness of the community.

III. Regulations related to drainage and wastewater treatment

Law:

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- Law of Urban Planning 2009
- Law of Construction 2014
- Law of Environment Protection 2014

(Vietnam has not issued Law on Drainage)

Decree:

- Decree No 37/2010/ND-CP on formulation, approval and management of urban planning
- Decree No 44/2015/ND-CP on urban planning
- Decree No 80/2014/ND-CP on drainage and wastewater treatment

Orientation:

 Decision No 589/QD-TTg on Approving the revised orientations for water drainage in urban centers and industrial parks through 2025, with a vision toward 2050



IV. 1. The order of formulation, appraisal, approval of planning and responsibility

I. The order of formulation, appraisal, approval of planning

- 1. Making the task of planning
- 2. Appraisal, approval of the task of planning
- 3. Making the planning
- 4. Appraisal, approval of the planning

II. Responsibility

- Community
- Consultant
- People Committee at all levels
- Ministry of Construction
- Prime Minister

IV. 2. Basic information on drainage and wastewater treatment planning in Vietnam (1)

1. Objective of planning

- Drainage (rain water, inundation, wastewater)
- Wastewater treatment

2. Scope of planning (Law of Construction, Law of Urban Planning)

 Inter-provincial region: from 2 or more provinces (For example: Drainage planning for 4 key economic regions...)

 River basin region: Vietnam has 3 river basin regions (Cau River Basin, Nhue-Day River Basin and Dong Nai River Basin)

Provincial region: In the boundary of a province

✤- Urban centers: In the boundary of an urban center.

3. Planning duration (Law of Urban Planning)

- From 20 to 25 years
- Vision to 50 years

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IV. 2. Basic information on drainage and wastewater treatment planning in Vietnam (2)

4. Fundamental information on drainage and wastewater treatment planning

- a. Investigation, inclusive assessment of natural conditions and socio-economic status, technical infrastructure of the planning area.
- b. Investigation, assessment of the status of drainage including source, capable of receiving and the ability to drain rainwater and wastewater; drainage system, flood situation and impact of climate change on regional planning.
- c. Review and assessment of drainage planning, drainage projects which have been deployed in the area.

IV. 2. Fundamental information on drainage and wastewater treatment planning in Vietnam (3)

- d. Assessment of ability, relationship, connection (if any) of the drainage system of the surrounding area of the planned area.
- e. Identification of indicators, economic and technical drainage and wastewater treatment systems.
- g. Determination of the drainage basin, source and receiving capacity, and forecast of the total wastewater for each planning phase.
- h. Proposal of sewerage treatment solutions (centralized and decentralized); location, size of storm water pumping stations and sewage treatment plants; location, size of the drainage line level 1, level 2.

IV. 2. Basic information on drainage and wastewater treatment planning in Vietnam (4)

- i. Forecast of flooding, impact of climate change and proposal of solutions to prevent flooding as well as other relevant measures to reduce the impact of climate change.
- k. Estimation of investment cost and investment phases; capital source and mobilization capacity for planning implementation; Proposal of solutions, mechanisms and policies on investment, management and protection of water drainage, waste water treatment systems.
- . Strategic environmental assessment.
- m. Identification of priority projects and implementation plans.

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V. REVIEW DRAINAGE AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANNING IN DONG NAI RIVER BASIN









Issue and challenges

- 1. Lack and asynchronous database
- 2. Large scope, difficult in site survey
- 3. Socio-economic development is not stable; Inaccurate and difficult forecast...
- 4. Unpredictable impact of climate change
- 5. Planning methods have not been renewed
- 6. Advisory capacity remains limited; Management capacity is still inadequate
- 7. Difficult in calling for investment... Planning implementation is not good

