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The **Center for Environment and Community Research (CECR)** is a local NGO established in 2009. It has undertaken many projects to promote community involvement in environmental protection.

#### **REPORT OF THE CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY RESEARCH ON THE ENVOLEMENT OF COALITION FOR CLEAN WATER IN ADCOCACY IN VIETNAM**

Coalition for Clean Water-CCW is the initiative of The Center for Environment and Community Research-CECR and with other organizations established in Oct 2013. Coalition for Clean Water is a cooperate among local non-government organizations, governmental organization, scientists, media, communities, environmental and legal expert working together to contribute to the develop of monitoring, implementing and preventing of water pollution.

The overall objective of the Alliance is to protect surface water resource from industrial and other pollutants to ensure safe water access to economic activities and livelihoods.

- Promote the participant of community and stakeholders in water pollution control and prevention.
- Develop legal and scientific framework to improve the current legal framework on water pollution control.
- The Coalition for Clean Water members have a good capacity to act on water pollution control and prevention.

#### **Activities:**

1. Policy research: Research, review and analysis of current legal documents related to water pollution control and prevention.

2. Studying lesson learns from abroad: studying the experiences and policies of other countries on water pollution control and prevention.

3. Case study in Vietnam: overview and practical of stakeholders in difference areas of Viet Nam to assess impacts of water pollution on public health and economy growth, and identify gaps management, technical, social responsibility of different stakeholders, and develop a community monitoring model.

**Results:**

A set of documents (volume 1, 2, 3,4) on water pollution control has been developed and delivered to parliament members on training June 2016 and Oct 2016. The governmental agencies, media know more about water pollution control. These document have received positive response from National Assembly members and are one of few publications of non-governmental organizations to be sent to National Assembly.

In the process of advocacy, communication is used as a tool to raise awareness of water pollution control and related regulations to the public and stakeholders.

The message of water pollution control has been fully conveyed through the press and television networks such as VTV, VOV, HTV, VTV the National Assembly Magazine, the Environment Magazine and electronic newspapers such as Vietnamnet, Vietnamplus and events such as World Water Day, Earth Day, Hanoi Lake Protection Event have been attracted thousands of volunteers and a network of newspapers and television with about 400 news articles.

A report on water pollution has been develop and 500 books has been sent to National Assembly on June 2018.

In addition to advocating for the Law of water pollution control, Coalition for Clean Water also contributes to legal documents related to environment protection as proposed amendments to the Environmental Protection Law 2014, project of environmental projection, environmental landscape of lakes, ponds in urban areas, residential areas, and regulations on environmental protection in Danang city.

**Recommendation:**

The process of developing new law or policies need to use bottom up method and participate of all citizens.