

Webinar 6: Why We Need to Think Differently about Sanitation

Importance of Large-Scale Fecal Sludge Management in CWIS

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Mandatory desludging vs. Voluntary desludging: the Case of Malaysia



Individual Septic Tanks Desludged (2005-2017)

- Mandatory desludging regulation from 1994 to 2008 by federal government(served by IWK)
- Shift to on-demand initiated by homeowner from 2008

Conclusion: Mandatory desludging by government is a must.

Long way on awareness campaign of FSM.

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Strong leadership and institutional arrangements at the national level are key factors for sustainable FSM



- Set OSS and FSM as govt's investment priority instead of alternative choice of sewer connection;
- Strengthen the govt's ownership of the FSM instead of leaving it to the private sector;
- Make desludging as a mandate/schedule activities with proper recording instead of demand driven activities; and
- Final sludge disposal should be done properly.

Various financing and business models are necessary to sustain FSM

- **Private sector would be better to be the sub-contractors** of the government's agency instead of free competitive operators;
- **Provide technical support for mandatory/ scheduled desludging practice** for private operation; and
- Charge the fee under regular monthly water billing instead of collecting it separately.

Thank you!

Let's keep working for safe sanitation for all

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