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*Where Energy Meets Law:
Pioneering Sustainable Solutions*



CHARTING A LEGAL PATH TOWARD SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

As the world faces continuous challenges through climate change and the never-ending demand for energy, the role of law in shaping a sustainable future has never been more critical. Legal frameworks are crucial in forming the foundation upon which transformative energy policies and innovations are built, ensuring that the transition to renewable energy sources aligns with global sustainability goals.

Energy law is more than just a regulatory tool; it is the foundation for ensuring sustainability for development and guiding nations and industries toward cleaner, more efficient energy systems. From implementing international agreements and leading to local policies in all countries worldwide, the legal sector is crucial in fostering collaboration, ensuring accountability, and driving innovation in energy development.

This bulletin explores how law and energy converge to create meaningful, long-term solutions. Through comprehensive analysis and insights through research, we aim to shed light on the legal instruments that enable progress, protect natural resources, and balance economic development with environmental stewardship.

Join us on this journey as we unravel the complexities of energy law and highlight its transformative power in shaping a more resilient and sustainable world. Together, we can empower communities, industries, and nations to embrace the opportunities of a greener tomorrow.



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Vision:

To be a leading platform for advancing legal insights and innovative solutions, fostering sustainable development and addressing global energy challenges through impactful research and knowledge sharing

Our Mission

This bulletin aims to explore the intersection of law and energy, providing insights into global legal developments, regulatory frameworks, and innovative solutions for a sustainable future.

We accomplish this by

- Delivering research on emerging trends and challenges in energy law.
- Highlighting best practices and regulatory models.
- Promoting dialogue among academics, professionals, and policymakers.
- Advocating for sustainable, evidence-based legal solutions.

DEAN'S MESSAGE



Dear Readers,

I am pleased to introduce the inaugural issue of The Energy Law Bulletin. This bulletin represents a significant step forward in our commitment to fostering dialogue and understanding at the intersection of law, energy, and sustainability. As we navigate an era of unprecedented challenges, from climate change to the global energy transition, the role of legal frameworks has become more critical than ever.

At the Faculty of Law, Universiti Teknologi MARA, we recognise the urgent need for scholarly insights, collaborative discussions, and innovative solutions to address these pressing issues. The Energy Law Bulletin aims to serve as a platform for sharing knowledge and shaping discourse on sustainable energy governance, energy justice, and the role of legal systems in creating equitable and resilient futures.

This first issue highlights some of the most pertinent developments in energy law, including the legal frameworks supporting renewable energy transitions and the ethical imperatives of energy justice. I commend the editorial team for their dedication and the contributors for their valuable insights, which will undoubtedly inspire thoughtful engagement among readers from diverse backgrounds.

I invite academics, policymakers, practitioners, and students to join us on this journey as we illuminate the legal pathways to sustainable energy solutions. Together, we can contribute to a brighter, more sustainable future.

I appreciate your support and hope you find this bulletin informative and inspiring.

Warm regards,

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DEPUTY DEAN'S MESSAGE

Deputy Dean
(Research & Industrial Linkages)



Dear Readers,

It is with great enthusiasm that I contribute to the inaugural issue of The Energy Law Bulletin. As the Deputy Dean for Research and Industrial Linkages, I am delighted to see this initiative come to life, serving as a testament to the Faculty of Law's dedication to bridging academic scholarship with practical applications in energy and sustainability.

Research and innovation are at the core of progress in addressing the dynamic challenges posed by the global energy transition. Through this bulletin, we aim to showcase how legal research can contribute to developing sustainable energy solutions, foster collaborations with industry stakeholders, and provide actionable insights for policymakers.

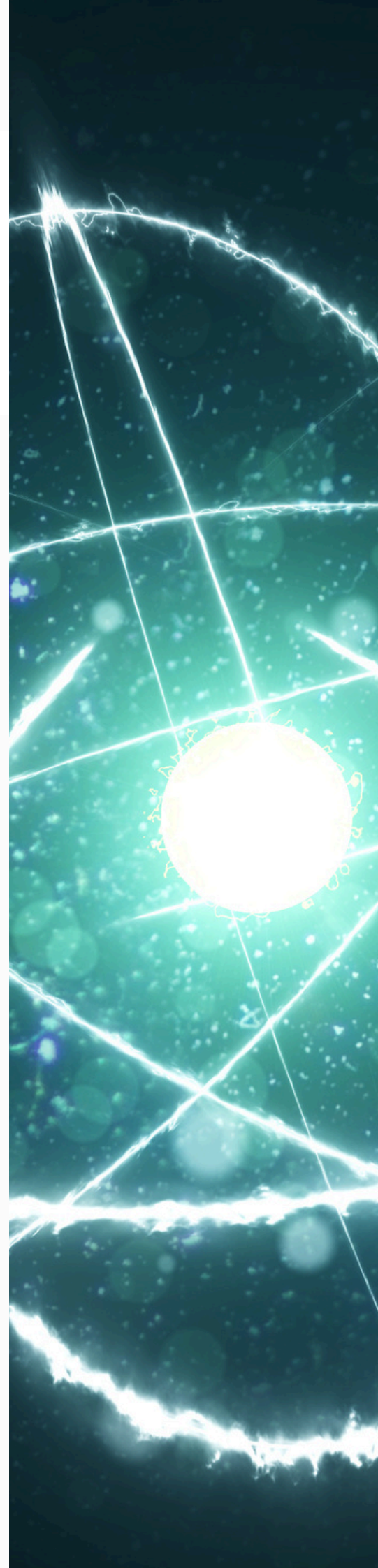
This publication represents more than just an academic resource; it is a platform for fostering interdisciplinary connections, encouraging robust discussions, and driving impactful research. By engaging with contributors and readers across diverse sectors, we aim to amplify the relevance of energy law in shaping sustainable futures and advancing energy justice.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the editorial team for their commitment and to the contributors for their thoughtful perspectives. This bulletin will spark new ideas, stimulate dialogue, and inspire collaborations that will advance the frontiers of energy law.

Let us continue to push the boundaries of research and practice in this critical area. Together, we can create a meaningful impact on the legal and industrial frameworks that support our shared goal of a sustainable future.

Warm regards,

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DEPUTY DEAN'S MESSAGE

Deputy Dean
(Academic)



Dear Readers,

I am happy with the inaugural publication of The Energy Law Bulletin, which shows our faculty's strong dedication to academic quality and the changing field of energy law. I am proud to see our academic work growing beyond regular legal studies to tackle important global problems like sustainability, energy management, and environmental fairness.

This bulletin features important discussions in energy law and shows how important academic involvement is in preparing graduates for the future. Getting students involved in study and publications is an important part of our academic goals and to achieve one of the Programme's Learning Outcomes, which is the 'ability to think critically, analyze legal issues, and provide well-reasoned solutions to legal problems' (PLO 2). It helps them to develop critical thinking, analytical skills, and a desire to learn. We help our students go beyond the classroom by encouraging them to do important legal studies and join discussions that make a difference in the real world.

I praise the editorial team for their work, the authors for their insightful ideas, and our students whose participation shows the future of legal research. This bulletin aims to provide valuable information that encourages ongoing learning, thoughtful questioning, and meaningful additions to energy law.

Best wishes,

Dr Muhammad Umar bin Abdul Razak
Deputy Dean (Academic)
Faculty of Law
Universiti Teknologi MARA





EDITORIAL

Welcome to the First Edition of the Energy Law Bulletin

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Energy Law Bulletin, where energy intersects with the law to pioneer sustainable solutions for a better future. This monthly bulletin is designed to provide insights, analyses, and updates on the dynamic legal landscape shaping energy development around the globe.

This issue delves into the Legal Framework of Sustainable Energy Development, exploring key legislative initiatives and policy measures driving renewable energy transitions worldwide. Highlighting the synergy between environmental goals and legal instruments, the article by Cia Rodriguez provides a comprehensive overview of how countries are aligning their legal systems to support energy sustainability.

Additionally, this edition features the latest developments in energy law, with a special focus on global trends and their impact on various sectors, such as tourism, which has seen significant growth tied to sustainable energy practices. From regulatory changes to landmark cases, the Energy Law Bulletin aims to keep you informed and engaged with the fast-evolving energy sector.

We hope this bulletin becomes a valuable resource for academics, practitioners, and policymakers striving to understand and contribute to the legal dimensions of energy development. Your feedback, suggestions, and contributions are welcome as we embark on this exciting journey together.

Thank you so much for joining us in this endeavor. Let us work together to illuminate the path toward a sustainable energy future!

Warm regards,
Dr. Mohd Haris Abdul Rani
Editor, Energy Law Bulletin



"Energy cannot be created or destroyed; it can only be changed from one form to another."

- Albert Einstein



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"The stone age didn't end for lack of stone, and the oil age will end long before the world runs out of oil."

Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani



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"Everybody has the right to development, which means everybody has the right to clean energy."

Sunita Narain



EVENTS *(until July 2025)*

Global Events

"International Summit on the Future of Energy Security" —A high-level summit organised by the International Energy Agency (IEA) to address energy security challenges in an era of climate change and geopolitical risks, April 24–25, 2025, London, UK.

Regional Events

"Future Energy Asia 2025" —A strategic conference and exhibition on energy solutions and technologies, May 7–9, 2025, Bangkok, Thailand.

"ASEAN Sustainable Energy Week "2025" —Leading exhibition on renewable energy, energy efficiency, and storage, July 2–4, 2025, Bangkok, Thailand.

National Events

"Energy Asia(2025)" —Thought leadership discussions and technology showcase for Asia's energy transition, June 16–18, 2025, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Institutional Level Events

"DASAT 2025" —The Faculty of Applied Sciences is organising the conference "Science Solutions for a Sustainable Future," focusing on applied sciences and advanced technology. Scheduled for February 6–7, 2025, at Resorts World Awana, Genting Highlands, Malaysia.

"7th International Conference on Research Methodology for Built Environment and Engineering (ICRMBEE 2025)" —Hosted by the College of Built Environment, this conference emphasises innovative research methods for sustainable built environments and society. Set for June 3–4, 2025, at UiTM Shah Alam, Malaysia.

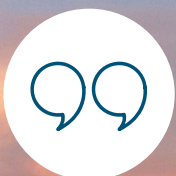
Faculty-Level Event

"Energy Law Research Publication Initiatives" —30 articles to be submitted for review and publication in various journals for 2025



"In our drive for energy, let us remember that justice and sustainability are the roots of true progress."

Wangari Maathai, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate



ACTIVITIES

Activities for LAW692: Energy Law

The LAW692: Energy Law course emphasises practical and research-driven learning aligned with this semester's syllabus and assessment criteria for continuous engagement. Reflecting the absence of a final examination, the course prioritises student involvement in collaborative research, mirroring energy law's academic and professional expectations.

Students must work in groups to conduct in-depth research on topics from a list of predetermined areas under a common theme, ensuring alignment with contemporary legal and energy challenges. The process begins with students forming groups, encouraging teamwork and shared responsibility. Each group then selects a topic and discusses the core issues within their chosen area. This preliminary exploration forms the foundation for their research, helping them identify problems and formulate relevant research questions.

As part of the assessment, students develop a structured proposal with a working title, an abstract summarising the research focus, and keywords. These elements are crafted to reflect the conventions of journal publication, equipping students with essential academic writing skills. Throughout the semester, the groups refine their research direction and prepare their findings for presentation in formats that meet scholarly standards.

This approach fosters critical thinking, research proficiency, and collaborative learning. Students enhance their understanding of the subject by engaging with real-world energy law issues and contributing to the growing body of knowledge. This method ensures that learning outcomes extend beyond theoretical concepts, preparing students for future academic and professional endeavours.



"It is up to the G20 countries responsible for 80% of global emissions that we are beholden to for our survival. Our survival is being held to ransom at the cost of profit and an unwillingness to act despite the ability to do so."

Mark Brown, Prime Minister of the Cook Islands.



ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS *for* JOURNAL ARTICLES

Activities involved group research conducted by students (Research Associates) of the Energy Law Subject for the semester ending February 2025 as part of their learning outcome and for them to share their research findings with a global audience. This would enable them to be part of the worldwide move to ensure the sustainability of current resources, allowing future generations to secure their energy sources.

The list of research titles is as follows:

- Energy Without Borders: The Role of International Law in Cross-Border Resource Management
- Energy Security Governance: The Influence of International Bodies on Stability and Sustainability
- Driving Renewable Energy Through Carbon Pricing: Malaysia's Path Toward Emission Trading Systems
- The Environmental Trade-Offs of Mass Electric Vehicle Production: A Critical Assessment of Climate Impact
- Towards a Greener Planet: International Legal Mechanisms for Sustainable Energy Technologies
- Grid Resilience and Legal Responses to Cyber Threats
- Digitalizing Energy: Navigating the Protection of Consumers Rights and Privacy
- The Role of Public-Private Partnerships: Promoting Sustainable Energy Infrastructure in Malaysia
- Climate Change Law and The Energy Transition: Policy, Challenges and Solutions
- From Policy to Practice: Regulatory Considerations for Offshore Wind Energy in Malaysia's Renewable Energy Sector
- Navigating Legal Barriers: A Study of Energy Efficiency Technologies and Regulatory Frameworks
- From Field to Courtroom: How Emerging Technologies Is Shaping Oil and Gas Law
- Natural Gas Regulation in Malaysia and Singapore: A Comparative Legal Analysis
- Ensuring Data Privacy and Security in Emerging Energy Technologies: Challenges and Legal Solutions in Malaysia
- Hydrogen Production and the Law: Navigating Legal Issues in Green and Blue Hydrogen Technologies
- Securing Future: A Legal Analysis of Cross-Border Energy Trade and Its Impact on Global Energy Security
- Energy Efficiency Artificial Intelligence (AI): Encouraging Innovation in Indonesia's National Energy Policy (Ruen) Performance

What took place

Groups are first instructed at the beginning of the semester to choose from a list of topics under a predetermined theme by the course instructor.

This enables them to concentrate and conduct enquiries in an area they were never exposed to before the course.

The task is to decide on a working title based on the given scope and formulate a working abstract to provide some research foundation for the group members to align themselves for the study.

These titles, abstracts, and keywords are produced in a format that aligns with the intended journal that the course instructor has also determined.

This is the outcome of the task within 3 weeks of study.

Note that these titles, abstracts, and keywords will change as the research progresses throughout the semester.



"Access to clean energy is not a privilege; it is a fundamental human right and a cornerstone of climate justice."

Mary Robinson, Former President of Ireland and Climate Justice Advocate.

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Title

Energy Without Borders: The Role of International Law in Cross-Border Resource Management

Group

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Abstract

Environmental issues, conflicting national interests, and a need for unified legal frameworks make managing cross-border energy resources extremely difficult. The research challenge of fragmented international laws controlling transboundary energy resources, which frequently lead to disputes and inefficiencies, is examined in this paper. The project aims to investigate how international law may support sustainable resource management, enhance state-to-state collaboration, and meet the growing need for energy security. The study uses a qualitative review of vital international legal documents, customs, and pertinent case studies to assess how well the current frameworks regulate cross-border energy activity. The results show a need for more cooperation among states in managing shared resources, inconsistent enforcement, and a lack of conflict resolution procedures. This article concludes that an enhanced, comprehensive legal approach is necessary to address these challenges. By strengthening international legal frameworks and fostering greater diplomatic engagement, the international community can work towards achieving more sustainable and equitable management of energy resources. The study recommends policy adjustments that align with global sustainability and security objectives.

Keywords

Cross-border Energy Resources; International Law; Resource Management; Global Energy Security; Sustainable Development

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Aristotle

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Title

Energy Security Governance: The Influence of International Bodies on Stability and Sustainability

Group

Amirah Khadijah Khurun Hizar, Nabil Muftin Abdul Aziz, Ahmad Rhazi Aminuddin and Mohd Haris Abdul Rani
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Abstract

Energy security governance plays a critical role in maintaining global stability and promoting sustainability as nations face the dual challenge of geopolitical risks and the transition to renewable energy. This article examines how international organisations—including the International Energy Agency (IEA), the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)—influence global energy governance through policy frameworks, legal instruments, and multilateral cooperation. These organisations are essential in ensuring energy supply reliability, fostering market transparency, and driving sustainable energy practices. In the context of national responses, this article highlights Malaysian law, focusing on the country's efforts to align with global energy security and sustainability goals. Malaysia's Renewable Energy Act 2011 and the National Renewable Energy Policy and Action Plan are analysed within the international governance framework, illustrating the country's legal commitment to renewable energy development, diversification, and reducing carbon emissions. This case study provides insight into how national laws intersect with global initiatives to address energy security and environmental sustainability. Additionally, the paper argues that globally and nationally, effective governance is essential to ensure a resilient and sustainable energy future, supporting the transition to a low-carbon economy while mitigating geopolitical risks.

Keywords

Energy Security Governance, International Organizations, Sustainability, Malaysian Renewable Energy Law, Geopolitical Risk

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Title

**Driving Renewable Energy Through Carbon Pricing:
Malaysia's Path Toward Emission Trading Systems**

Group

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Abstract

Sustainable energy is an essential worldwide effort to fight against climate change. This paper examines how emission trading systems (ETS) promote renewable energy through carbon pricing mechanisms. ETS, such as cap-and-trade, ensured that carbon emissions came with a price, thus providing industries with economic motivation to cut their carbon emissions by, for instance, investing in green energy. It also explores how ETS has encouraged renewable energy in the European Union and California while analysing changes in regulation in Malaysia. This paper examines Malaysia's regulatory initiatives to promote renewable energy, including the Renewable Energy Act 2011 and the Sustainable Energy Development Authority Act 2011. It evaluates the effectiveness of an emission trading system in improving the renewable energy industry despite the absence of a fixed carbon price. This paper aims to investigate the topic of the Malaysian Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) and renewable energy subsidies, where the issues include but are not limited to regulatory risk and a lack of efficient markets. Based on case studies and the findings from the last decade, the paper contends that an optimally structured ETS could lead to sustainable energy utilisation and align with the Paris Agreement. Ultimately, the paper presents a set of policy measures to improve the effectiveness of ETS mechanisms concerning the future-proofing of the energy sector in Malaysia.

Keywords

Carbon Pricing, Emission Trading Systems (ETS), Renewable Energy, Cap-and-Trade, Sustainable Energy Transition

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**The Environmental Trade-Offs of Mass Electric Vehicle Production:
A Critical Assessment of Climate Impact**

Group

Syamimi Imanina Zafry, Fathihah Humaira' Khairul Nizam, Dayang Farah Amalina Ahmad Marzuk and Mohd Haris Abdul Rani (Corresponding Author)

Abstract

The swift growth of electric vehicle (EV) production is frequently viewed as a method to minimise greenhouse gas emissions; nevertheless, it also brings considerable environmental issues. This study seeks to evaluate the various climate effects of mass EV production by examining emissions throughout the entire lifecycle, from raw material extraction to vehicle assembly and end-of-life disposal. This study evaluates the carbon footprint of key materials such as lithium, cobalt, and nickel by conducting a lifecycle analysis and reviewing global production methods while also exploring the energy-intensive components of battery manufacturing. The findings show that while EVs reduce operational emissions, their manufacturing process significantly contributes to climate change, especially in regions heavily reliant on fossil fuels. Furthermore, the study indicates that including renewable energy in EV manufacturing and adopting sustainable resource management practices are essential for significantly reducing the environmental impacts of large-scale electric vehicle production and ensuring long-term ecological sustainability.

Keywords

Electric Vehicles; Environmental Impact; Raw Material Extraction; Sustainable Manufacturing; Renewable Energy

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Towards a Greener Planet: International Legal Mechanisms for Sustainable Energy Technologies

Group

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Abstract

Given the fact that there has been a sudden shift in the climate, there is an urge for the world to adopt sustainable energy practices. This article examines the role of the international legal mechanism in promoting sustainable energy usage and its widespread implementation. Aside from that, this article also analyses some significant agreements, such as the Paris Agreement and other relevant multilateral agreements that promote the use of energy that can meet current energy needs without jeopardising future resources and energy supplies. By examining the effectiveness of the international legal mechanisms in achieving mutual understanding between countries, this article demonstrates the potential role of international law in this holistic global issue of energy sustainability. Further, it identifies the spectrum of challenges within the current legal framework in fostering energy sustainability and suggests reformation to enhance their effectiveness. This study applies a library-based doctrinal approach to reading and analysing primary and secondary literature. The results show a strong relationship between international legal mechanisms and sustainable energy technologies, leading towards a desired greener world. These findings underscore the importance of international legal mechanisms in advancing sustainable energy technology practices. Ultimately, this article advocates for an international legal mechanism that not only supports the advancement of technology but also ensures equitable access to sustainable energy resources, thereby contributing to a more sustainable and greener global future.

Keywords

Sustainable Energy Technologies; International Legal Mechanism; Climate Change; Paris Agreement; Greener Global Future

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Aristotle

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Grid Resilience and Legal Responses to Cyber Threats

Group

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Abstract

Integrating renewable energy systems into national power networks has caused the need for effective cybersecurity solutions. This article focuses on the legal obligations and the issues preventing achieving these obligations in the context of cybersecurity in Malaysia's renewable energy sector. Despite the country's quest to increase the renewable energy share, the existing policies, for instance, the Critical Information Infrastructure Protection (CIIP) policy under the National Cyber Security Policy (NCSP) or followed by the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 (CMA 1998), cannot cater for the peculiar cyber threat environment of renewable energy grids. Equally, while the regulations articulated in the Energy Commission Act 2001 provide an order regarding energy supply security, they do not contain any provisions addressing security against cyber terrorism. In the fourth national cybersecurity strategy covering the period from 2020 to 2024, there is a discussion of the need to have new laws prepared to counter the growing threats of cyberspace. This paper discusses the shortcomings of the existing rules and legislation in protecting Malaysia's renewable energy infrastructure. Using a combination of legal discourse and policy analysis, this study engages with existing literature on the issue of cybersecurity in critical energy infrastructures, offering proposals to improve the current approach towards the legal protection of renewable energy grids in Malaysia from emerging cyber threats.

Keywords

Cybersecurity; Renewable Energy; Legal Framework; Critical Infrastructure; Malaysia

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Digitalising Energy: Navigating the Protection of Consumers Rights and Privacy

Group

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Abstract

Digitalising the energy sector, facilitated by smart infrastructure, Internet of Things (IoT) devices, and AI-powered energy management systems, has improved how consumers interact with energy services. Although these technologies increase efficiency, they raise significant legal issues on consumer data and privacy, transparency, and informed consent. This article investigates the legal implications of the digitalisation of energy technologies, highlighting the processes by which energy providers obtain and utilise consumer data and the potential threats to data security. A doctrinal method and a comparative method are applied to explore the processes through which energy providers collect and use consumer data, as well as potential breaches in data security. This article conducts a comparative analysis of the international and national legal frameworks—including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Malaysia's Personal Data Protection Act 2010 (PDPA), and the Consumer Protection Act 1999 (CPA)—to assess the adequacy of current legislation in protecting consumer rights in the digital energy sector. This article suggests that although current legislation offers some protection for consumer rights, it is insufficient as there are still substantial concerns, especially consumer data privacy and informed consent. Then, it concludes that the energy sector's digitalisation requires strengthening legislation and enforcement mechanisms to protect consumer autonomy and data security.

Keywords

Consumer rights; Data privacy; Digital energy technologies; Transparency; Digitalisation

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The Role of Public-Private Partnerships: Promoting Sustainable Energy Infrastructure in Malaysia

Group

Alyaa Adeela Md Sharif, Mohamad Amir Junih, Yasmin Syazwani Mohd Yazid and Mohd Haris Abdul Rani
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Abstract

Public-private partnerships (PPPs) started to gain recognition as effective tools for addressing challenges of energy infrastructure development, especially concerning sustainability and renewable energy transitions. This paper examines the role of PPPs in advancing sustainable energy infrastructure in Malaysia. It focuses on the legal, regulatory, and financial frameworks that support these collaborations. The analysis assesses how PPP models support Malaysia's energy transition goals, particularly developing renewable energy sources such as solar and biomass. This research delves into key case studies of projects driven by public-private partnerships (PPPs) to understand their influence on Malaysia's sustainable development goals. It examines how PPPs tackle obstacles like high capital costs and market risks while encouraging innovation. The study also addresses the challenges PPPs face in Malaysia, such as unclear regulations and inadequate financial incentives. By comparing Malaysia's PPP practices with those of other countries, this paper provides policy recommendations to improve the effectiveness of PPPs in sustainable energy development. The findings indicate that PPPs could be vital in accelerating Malaysia's transition to a low-carbon economy while enhancing energy security and infrastructure resilience.

Keywords

Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs); Renewable Energy Development; Malaysia Energy Policy; Renewable Energy Act 2011; Public-Private Partnership Guidelines by UKAS

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Aristotle

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Climate Change Law and The Energy Transition: Policy, Challenges and Solutions

Group

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Abstract

The urgent need to address climate change has accelerated the transition to sustainable energy systems, requiring robust legal and policy frameworks to support the shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy. This paper explores the intersection of climate change law and the energy transition, emphasising the policies, legal tools, and international agreements driving this shift. It investigates how laws shape renewable energy development, promote energy efficiency, and curb greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, the paper discusses the challenges faced by governments, industries, and society, such as regulatory complexities, funding difficulties, and issues of fairness in access to energy. It also proposes solutions, including innovative legal and policy measures like carbon pricing and strategies that promote sustainable growth. By providing an in-depth analysis of the legal aspects of the energy transition, this paper underscores the crucial role of law in enabling a low-carbon future and addressing climate change.

Keywords

Energy Transition, Climate Change Law, Renewable Energy, Carbon Pricing, Sustainable Development

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Title

From Policy to Practice: Regulatory Considerations for Offshore Wind Energy in Malaysia's Renewable Energy Sector

Group

Nor Zawanie Nazarudin, Syazwina Shawal, Siti Aminah Mohd Salleh and Mohd Haris Abdul Rani (Corresponding Author)

Abstract

Offshore wind energy holds significant potential in advancing Malaysia's renewable energy objectives. This paper investigates the regulatory framework governing offshore wind energy development in Malaysia, focusing on existing policies and their practical application. Key legislation, including the Renewable Energy Act 2011 and the National Renewable Energy Policy and Action Plan, are analysed to evaluate their effectiveness in supporting offshore wind projects. The study also provides a comparative analysis of international regulatory frameworks from countries with established offshore wind industries. Critical challenges, such as environmental impact assessments, legal requirements and stakeholder collaboration, are examined to identify gaps in the current system. The paper emphasises the need for clear regulatory guidelines, government incentives, and the adoption of advanced technologies to facilitate the growth of offshore wind energy in Malaysia. The findings conclude with recommendations for strengthening Malaysia's regulatory framework to support offshore wind energy development while ensuring a balanced approach to economic growth, environmental sustainability, and energy security.

Keywords

Offshore wind energy; Regulatory framework; Malaysia; Renewable Energy Act 2011; Sustainable development

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Navigating Legal Barriers: A Study of Energy Efficiency Technologies and Regulatory Frameworks

Group

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Abstract

The energy industry has experienced a significant change because of developments in energy-saving technologies, presenting new obstacles for current regulatory systems. These technologies play a crucial role in decreasing energy usage and addressing environmental effects, but they also bring about intricate legal issues regarding compliance, policy alignment, and industry standards. This research analysed how legal frameworks impact the incorporation of energy-efficient technologies, explicitly exploring how they interact with technological innovation. The study examined real-life cases from various regions through qualitative methods to pinpoint obstacles like policy disarray, heavy compliance duties, and unreliable enforcement methods. The Energy Commission Act 2001 in Malaysia, which regulates energy supply and efficiency, was explicitly focused on, and its impact on adopting technology was examined. The study results highlighted the necessity for changes, such as simplifying compliance processes and aligning standards across different areas. Furthermore, it has been highlighted that fostering cooperation between governments and industry players is crucial for speeding up the implementation of energy-efficient technologies. These results offer important information for lawmakers, lawyers, and business executives, underscoring the necessity for upcoming regulations to adjust to fast technological progress while maintaining compliance and encouraging sustainability.

Keywords

Energy efficiency technologies; Regulatory barriers; Compliance standards; Policy harmonisation; Sustainability frameworks

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From Field to Courtroom: How Emerging Technologies Is Shaping Oil and Gas Law

Group

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Abstract

The oil and gas industry is undergoing a tremendous transformation owing to the arrival of technology such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, and automation. These innovations contest current regulatory frameworks and modify the field of legal and operational control. This article investigates the convergence of technology and law in the oil and gas sector, analysing the effects of technological innovations on data security, environmental accountability, intellectual property, and cross-border compliance using empirical case studies. The Petroleum Development Act 1974 provides PETRONAS exclusive rights to offshore and onshore petroleum exploration and consumption in Malaysia. The study focuses on the Production Sharing Contract and Risk Service Contract models while also analysing the Petroleum Arrangement Contracts negotiated between PETRONAS and contractors. According to PETRONAS' values, these cooperations assure safety and regulatory compliance while delivering value optimisation and flexibility. This article thoroughly examines the expanding interplay between technological innovation and regulatory monitoring, which benefits legislators, attorneys, and corporate executives. It stresses the needed future legal frameworks in the oil and gas sector to govern the quick changes caused by increasing technologies.

Keywords

Technological innovation; Regulatory Frameworks; Petroleum Development Act 1974; Production Sharing Contract; Environmental Accountability

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Natural Gas Regulation in Malaysia and Singapore: A Comparative Legal Analysis

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Abstract

This research compares the legal frameworks for natural gas regulation in Malaysia and Singapore, focusing on their energy laws and market dynamics. Both countries have similar energy concerns, but their regulatory responses differ. With their substantial natural gas reserves, Malaysia has produced a more resource-focused regulatory framework governed by the Gas Supply Act of 1993 and the Energy Commission's jurisdiction. Malaysia is influenced by an aspiration to accomplish both domestic and export demands while changing to a more sustainable energy mix. Singapore focuses on market liberalisation and energy security through efficient import and distribution networks governed by the Gas Act and regulated by the Energy Market Authority due to its limited supplies. This comparative study focuses on how both countries' regulatory frameworks manage supply chain management, sustainable development, and market liberalisation in the natural gas industry. It evaluates the need for international settlements and the changes to renewable energy in both countries' authoritative structures. The research explores Malaysia and Singapore's approach to the changing global energy landscape by identifying significant challenges and chances. This study is enhanced to a broader discussion of energy law in Southeast Asia, focusing on the significance of legal systems in defining national energy policies.

Keywords

Energy Law; Natural Gas Regulation; Sustainability; Market Liberalisation; Comparative Analysis

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Ensuring Data Privacy and Security in Emerging Energy Technologies: Challenges and Legal Solutions in Malaysia

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Abstract

This research paper explains more about incorporating digital technologies such as smart grids, IoT components, and AI towards the energy sector of Malaysia, which also emphasises the linked privacy and security challenges. The risk of cyberattacks, data breaches, and privacy violations correlates with increased reliance on interconnected systems. In highlighting the limitations of the needs of security digital energy systems, this paper highlights Malaysia's legal frameworks, including the Personal Data Protection Act 2010 (PDPA). After comparing global standards such as the GDPR and NIST frameworks, improvements must be made. There is a need for solidified data protection in smart grids and IoT networks to re-evaluate national cybersecurity efforts and regulatory policies. The case studies of cyberattacks on the energy infrastructure of Malaysia are discussed, along with the potential usage of technologies such as AI and blockchain that can enhance security. This paper concludes with directions for enhancing the legal frameworks and promoting collaboration among stakeholders to protect the energy systems of Malaysia.

Keywords

Data privacy; Cybersecurity; Smart Grids; IoT Networks; Legal Framework.

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Hydrogen Production and the Law: Navigating Legal Issues in Green and Blue Hydrogen Technologies

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Abstract

The shift towards a low-carbon economy has made hydrogen an essential tool in achieving worldwide decarbonisation goals, with green hydrogen (created using renewable energy in electrolysis) and blue hydrogen (made from natural gas with carbon capture and storage) recognised as crucial technologies. This article thoroughly analyses the legal and regulatory structures that control the production, distribution, and marketing of green and blue hydrogen, emphasising Malaysian law, both existing and potential. The focus is on the effects of the Renewable Energy Act 2011 (Act 725), which established a framework for developing renewable energy sources, including hydrogen, in Malaysia. It identifies regulatory, environmental, and safety deficiencies that must be solved to advance the hydrogen economy. The study investigates how Malaysian law could be amended or developed to solve issues such as regulatory fragmentation, carbon accounting, economic competitiveness, and infrastructure development. It assesses the effectiveness of subsidies, incentives, and policy compliance with international standards in promoting green and blue hydrogen technologies.

Keywords

Hydrogen production; Renewable energy; Environmental legislation; Sustainability; Decarbonisation

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Securing Future: A Legal Analysis of Cross-Border Energy Trade and Its Impact on Global Energy Security

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Abstract

As nations increasingly rely on cross-border energy trade to meet their energy needs, the legal frameworks governing such exchanges are crucial in ensuring global energy security. This paper explores the impact of international laws, treaties, and regulatory mechanisms on cross-border energy trade, emphasising how these legal instruments enhance or hinder energy security through a qualitative analysis of case studies, legal texts, or expert interviews. The study identifies legal challenges surrounding infrastructure development, market access, and environmental considerations by examining key international agreements such as the Energy Charter Treaty and regional trade regulations. It also addresses the balance between national sovereignty and international cooperation in energy governance. The research highlights the complexities of harmonising legal systems across borders, especially concerning natural gas, electricity, and renewable energy trade. Furthermore, the paper analyses dispute resolution mechanisms, focusing on the legal recourse available to nations during supply disruptions or conflicts over energy resources. This legal analysis concludes that robust and adaptable legal frameworks are essential for fostering stable, secure, and sustainable cross-border energy trade, contributing to global energy security.

Keywords

Energy security; cross-border energy trade; international law; energy treaties; regulatory frameworks

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Energy Efficiency Artificial Intelligence: Encouraging Innovation in Indonesia's National Energy Policy (Ruen) Performance

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Abstract

For some time now, Indonesia has been facing a growing demand for energy in line with its increasing commitment to sustainable development. Everyone might think that the claustrophobic issue of this era can also be solved by utilising energy resources more efficiently. With artificial intelligence (AI), we can make it real and support implementing the National Energy General Plan Policy/RUEN by enhancing energy management, optimising efficiency, and reducing carbon footprint. That is why AI will play a crucial part in optimising the energy system, allowing for their better usage and transmission, as it leads to real-time predictive analytics, enabling more effective use of energy. AI technologies, including machine learning and predictive analytics, offer advanced solutions that allow energy to be used more effectively. They will engender a cooperatively intelligent era where networked systems become more responsive, enabling system-wide efficiency by eliminating waste and unsustainable consumption. Integrating AI with energy systems provides decision-makers with up-to-date, precise information to make the right decisions and adopt regulatory policies that ease the process for systems on how they meet sustainability goals. This research examines AI use for energy regulation, questioning whether it will replace process automation and regulatory integrity. In addition, it also discusses the reforms to policies and regulations required for upscaling with AI-based solutions in Indonesia's energy sector. The use of AI in improving operational efficiency can further support this and contribute to the transformation towards a more adaptive and robust Indonesian energy system. This research also considers how AI can assist in long-term energy planning to support the sustainability of RUEN. Indonesia could come closer towards its energy goals and adopt a practice of reduced emissions with the aid of AI. To accomplish this goal, Indonesia needs to reduce their current levels and become carbon neutral. By ensuring that we can work more closely between both AI technologies along regulatory frameworks, the nation will be on course for an even greener future. In this piece, you will find evidence that AI is well-positioned to enhance the current energy system and form a critical section of more robust and future-proof infrastructure.

Keywords

Artificial Intelligence (AI); Energy Efficiency; National Energy Policy (RUEN); Sustainable Use of Energy; Regulatory Framework

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CASE STUDIES

The Impacts of Bilge Dumping on Indonesia's Coastal Communities

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Indonesia's coastal regions have long been at the mercy of bilge dumping, an illegal practice where ships discharge oily waste into the sea. This activity has created a severe environmental and socio-economic crisis, disproportionately affecting marginalised coastal communities. The ecological repercussions are profound, with bilge dumping disrupting marine ecosystems, contaminating water sources, and threatening biodiversity. Pollutants such as oil and heavy metals accumulate in marine life, leading to long-term ecological damage and declining fish stocks, a critical resource for food security and local livelihoods.

The socio-economic impact of this environmental injustice is equally alarming. Coastal communities, heavily reliant on fishing and tourism, face devastating economic losses. Fish populations are dwindling, and the polluted waters deter tourists, leaving families without sustainable incomes. Health issues are also rampant, as the contamination of seafood and water supplies leads to various diseases, further straining these vulnerable populations.

This case study highlights the significant gaps in Indonesia's environmental policies and maritime regulations, such as the ineffective enforcement of international agreements like MARPOL. These shortcomings exacerbate the plight of affected communities and hinder efforts to address the issue. However, the case also emphasises the potential for solutions rooted in strengthening legal frameworks, empowering local communities through education and participation, and fostering regional and international collaboration to combat maritime pollution. Addressing this environmental injustice is crucial for safeguarding Indonesia's natural heritage and ensuring its coastal communities' resilience and sustainability.

Case Studies: Bridging Theory and Practice in Research

Case studies are an essential research method, offering detailed examinations of specific events, individuals, or contexts. By focusing on real-world scenarios, they allow researchers to explore complexities and details often overlooked in broader studies, strengthening the connection between theory and practice.

Background and Importance

Originally rooted in the social sciences, case studies are now widely applied across disciplines. They enable in-depth exploration of phenomena within real-life settings, illustrating how theories translate into practice while uncovering hidden variables. For instance, analysing a policy's implementation can reveal systemic challenges and inform better solutions.

Case studies are invaluable for generating hypotheses, testing theories, and including under-represented perspectives. Their ability to capture rich, contextual data ensures that research outcomes are more inclusive and reflective of diverse experiences, making them a key tool for addressing complex issues.

Impact on Research Outcomes

Case studies enhance research by providing empirical evidence that validates theoretical frameworks and offers actionable insights. These insights bridge the gap between academia and practice, equipping stakeholders with strategies to address real-world challenges. Additionally, they often inspire further research by uncovering new dimensions of inquiry, fostering interdisciplinary approaches, and driving innovation.

In summary, case studies enrich research by offering comprehensive insights into real-world issues and connecting academic exploration to practical impact. Their ability to contextualise findings and deliver actionable outcomes underscores their critical role in advancing meaningful knowledge.



INTERVIEWS

A Comprehensive Study on Environmental Impacts of Offshore Platforms Abandonment and Decommissioning in Malaysia

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An interview was conducted with a professional key person attached closely to Oil Rigs Operation in an international company who wants to remain unanimous to get a deeper insight into the discontinuation of Oil Rigs in Malaysia. The participant in an open-ended interview highlights the beginning of Malaysia's decommissioning regulations, which lacked many of the expected criteria because there are only a few fixed offshore platforms in the country's waters that have been decommissioned without a well-established localised regulatory framework. Based on the interview with the professional engineer who had extensive experience in the oil and gas fields, Malaysia's decommissioning laws are not as mature compared to other countries, such as the North Sea UK and New Zealand, has stringent regulations. He also recommended that Malaysia follow examples from these countries because they critically consider public perception, and their lawmakers empower other agencies to monitor, control, and enforce regulations during decommissioning. For instance, Environment Protection Authority Te Mana Rauhi Taiao provided that New Zealand's decommissioning plans must first be accepted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) before consent can be obtained for activities required for decommissioning in their field. Also, their decommissioning plans and regulations are subjected to public consultation before being accepted, as seen in the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects Decommissioning Plans) Regulations 2021. This approach is lacking from the Malaysian perspective of decommissioning and abandonment practice.

Interviews and Expert Opinions: Insights and Ethics in Research

Interviews and expert opinions are essential in research, offering unique insights and detailed perspectives that enrich a study. Researchers gain valuable information often unavailable through secondary sources or broad surveys by directly engaging with individuals. These methods allow an in-depth understanding of specific contexts, behaviours, and motivations.

Details of the Process

Interviews involve structured or semi-structured questions for participants selected for their expertise or relevance to the study. Expert opinions lend credibility by providing informed perspectives, often highlighting practical challenges and implications that complement theoretical research.

Ethical Considerations

Research ethics are critical when conducting interviews. Participants' privacy, confidentiality, and consent must be prioritised to protect their rights and dignity. Informed consent should be obtained, and anonymity ensured unless otherwise agreed. Avoiding biases or leading questions is essential to preserving the integrity of the data collected. Ethical practices build trust, enabling honest communication and reliable results.

In conclusion, when ethically conducted, interviews and expert opinions provide valuable insights that bridge theory and practice, significantly enhancing the quality and impact of research.

"Green energy represents our best hope for creating a fair and equitable economy that addresses historical injustices while safeguarding our planet."



**Van Jones,
Environmental
Justice Advocate**



LEGAL AND REGULATORY UPDATES

by Mohd Haris Abdul Rani

Commentary on the Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) Enactment 2024, Sabah

The Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) Enactment 2024 is a commendable initiative by the Sabah state legislative body to harness the vast potential of ocean renewable energy by regulating and facilitating OTEC activities in Sabah. This act positions the state to generate free electricity and reap the numerous benefits of OTEC by-products, such as desalinated water, air conditioning, aquaculture, agricultural development, and green hydrogen production, reflecting the success of the Kumejima Model in Japan. These advancements are expected to contribute significantly to economic and social progress in the region. Sabah stands to gain from job creation, enhanced energy security, technological innovation, reduced carbon emissions, and strengthened territorial security of its maritime areas.

Comparison with International OTEC Frameworks

Globally, OTEC legislation, such as the U.S. Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion Act of 1980, emphasises environmental sustainability, safety standards, and federal-state coordination. Similarly, Japan’s regulatory approaches underscore harmonisation with maritime laws to ensure resource conservation and regional cooperation. The OTEC Enactment aligns with these frameworks by establishing regulation for the exploration, construction, and operation of OTEC facilities through licensing requirements, thus further ensuring the needed environmental protection and monitoring mechanisms through the Energy Commission of Sabah (ECoS). This focus on localised governance demonstrates a tailored approach to managing and maximising the state’s unique ocean resources.

Legal Position and Recommendations

The enactment empowers Sabah to lead in adopting OTEC technology, reflecting fearless efforts to embrace innovative renewable energy solutions. It should align with Malaysia’s obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), which governs maritime resource use. Continued collaboration and shared learning with other global OTEC frameworks can further strengthen the implementation of the enactment and ensure the effective development of Sabah’s ocean energy potential.

Conclusion

The OTEC Enactment provides a robust framework for renewable energy development in Sabah. It can potentially drive significant economic, technological, and environmental benefits while establishing Sabah as a leader in ocean energy innovation. Its success will depend on fostering cooperation and embracing best practices to achieve sustainable energy goals.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

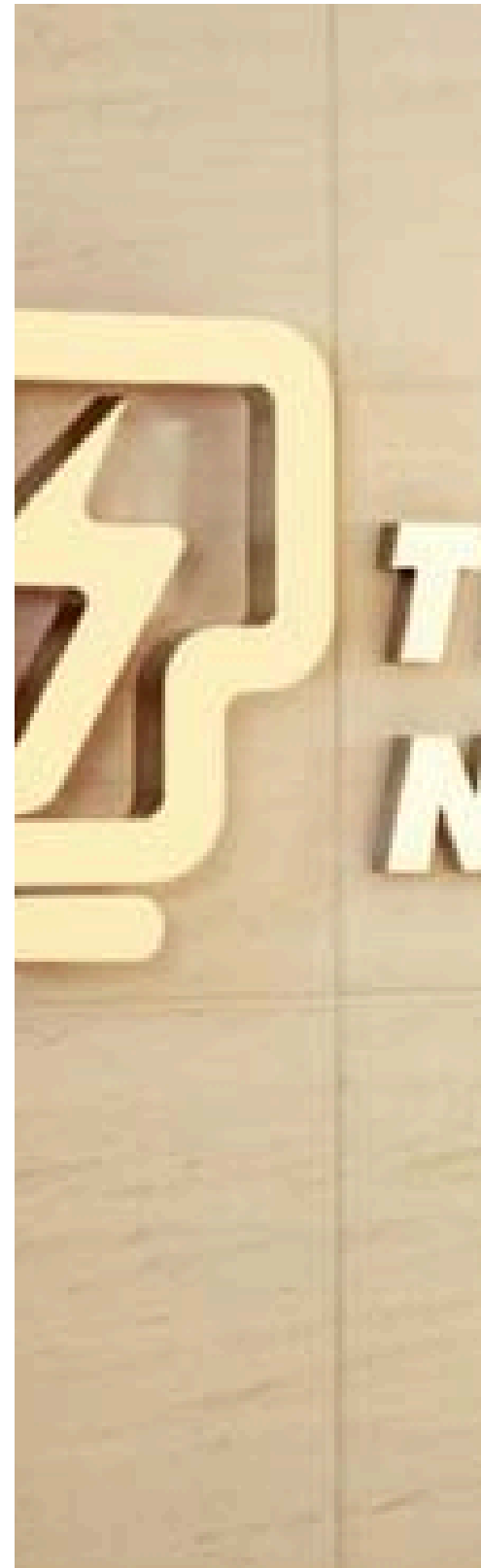
Community Engagement Initiative: Proposed Educational Visit to TNB

A team was formed to organise an educational visit to Tenaga Nasional Berhad's (TNB) headquarters in Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur, as part of UiTM's commitment to fostering meaningful community engagement. The visit aimed to give students practical exposure to TNB's electricity energy management operations, fostering a collaborative relationship between UiTM and one of Malaysia's leading energy providers. Approval for the visit was sought through UiTM's official procedures, and the necessary paperwork and applications were submitted. Initial communication with TNB was promising; however, TNB later redirected the visit to Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN), entrusting them with hosting the initiative.

To facilitate the visit, we took logistics, including transportation requests, and formed a WhatsApp group for coordination. However, with the semester nearing its end and UiTM implementing restrictions on student activities due to the approaching examination period, the visit had to be postponed indefinitely. Ultimately, the initiative was cancelled, and apologies were extended to UNITEN's committee, who graciously acknowledged the situation.

This experience underscored the potential of community engagement activities to bridge academic learning and industry practices. However, it highlighted challenges such as lengthy approval processes, redirections, and logistical constraints. While the visit did not materialise, it reinforced the importance of early planning, collaborative communication, and institutional flexibility in fostering meaningful community engagement initiatives. The lessons learnt will enable future efforts to make strengthening ties between the Faculty of Law, UiTM, and external partners a reality.

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"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." Mother Teresa



VOICES FROM THE INDUSTRY

The Role of Legal Officers of Public Universities Malaysia in Energy Law, Policies and Compliance

The legal department and its legal officer in public universities play a significant role in ensuring and monitoring the development, planning, and execution of public universities' functions and operations within the boundaries of law and regulations, especially in energy law, policies, and compliance. As institutions that consume significant amounts of energy in research and development, teaching, and operational activities, public universities are bound by national energy policies and sustainability commitments. Legal officers are essential in navigating, monitoring, and assisting the complex legal landscape surrounding energy usage, procurement, and sustainability initiatives.

These professionals ensure the university's adherence to energy-related legislation, including compliance with the Electricity Supply Act 1990 [Act 447], Renewable Energy Act 2011 [Act 725], and recently, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act 2024 [Act 447], while at the same time abide by its core legislation as public universities through the Universities and University Colleges Act 1971 [Act 30]. At the same time, they need to remain current and stay informed with any guidelines, policies, and instructions issued by any ministry and its agencies, like the Ministry of Energy Transition and Water Transformation (PETRA), Sustainable Energy Development Authority (SEDA), Energy Commission (ST), and others.

Recently, when the Malaysian Government launched the National Energy Policy 2022-2040 ("NEP") that aims to i) enhance macroeconomic resilience and energy security, ii) achieve social equitability and affordability, and iii) ensure environmental sustainability, public universities are not excluded from complying with and keeping in line with international development and standards in the energy transition space, including the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy). For example, Universiti Malaya (UM) and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) were champions in introducing the Low Carbon Cities Framework (LCCF), while Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) implemented the UKM Sustainability Policy 2030.

The legal officer balances commercial and business profits with public interests and the right to access and seek tertiary education while vetting and drafting legal documentation and instruments like agreements, agendas, legal notation, etc. They oversee the legality and enforceability of energy agreements and partnerships, such as those involving renewable energy installations like solar power panels and systems and green campus initiatives, and guide energy efficiency curriculum and programs, such as at Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) with its Centre for Education, Training, and Research in Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CETREE), actively engaging communities on renewable energy awareness and practices.

By fostering collaboration between academic, administrative, and legal departments, legal officers ensure that public universities are compliant and leaders in promoting sustainable energy practices, contributing to the nation's vision for a low-carbon economy.

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VOICES FROM THE INDUSTRY

Energy Potentials in Namibia

The recent increase in the number of working and official visits from dignitaries from other nations into Namibia can be seen as a means for Namibia to further reinvigorate its economy by bringing more people-to-people exchanges, eventually leading towards the trickling effects on the economy by the promotion of trade and investment links through such exchanges.

Promoting more people-to-people exchanges is crucial, given Namibia's recent economic challenges due to the global economic slowdown, severe drought, falling commodity prices, and the COVID-19 pandemic. In fact, through such exchanges, many technologies, know-how, and partnerships can be promoted, especially in new areas and sectors, including oil and gas.

The future of Namibia in the years to come can be said to look much brighter due to its recent offshore oil discoveries, which will enable Namibia to become an energy hub in the continent. This year alone, Namibia announced a fourth oil discovery in a deep-water exploration well in the Orange Basin located offshore of the south of Namibia—the southwest of Lüderitz.

Besides these oil discoveries, Namibia is also venturing into its ambitions in the green hydrogen space. The Namibian government had recently ventured into a partnership agreement with Hyphen Hydrogen Energy on a deal for the next phase of a USD10 billion green hydrogen project that will enable Namibia to export that potential to the European market. The plant to be built is expected to produce 2 million metric tonnes of green ammonia annually when it reaches its full-scale output in 2030.

Many countries like China, Finland, India, and other European nations have laid their interests in Namibia's ambition to become a global supplier of clean and green hydrogen energy that will enable Namibia to multiply the national production of electricity with renewables. As a result of the Ukraine crisis, many European nations have ceased their dependency on Russian oil and gas. They are finding alternative sources, including from Namibia, for their energy supply.

Due to the oil discoveries, many international oil companies, such as Shell, Total Energies, and Qatar Energy, are venturing into partnership agreements with Namibia to explore the oil rigs expected to harvest billions of barrels of oil.

Namibia hopes to use its oil and gas resources to boost its economy, which relies heavily on mining, agriculture, fishing, tourism, and the heavy imposition of the Value Added Tax on Goods and Services (15 per cent).

The fourth oil discovery would eventually lead Namibia to become the other upcoming oil producer on the African Atlantic coast, besides the current OPEC member Angola. It can also lead to many worldwide companies, including those that venture into Namibia.

Malaysia should venture into Namibian oil and gas exploration with the SWAPO political party dominance and leadership as one of the region's politically stable nations. Namibia's oil and gas industry is still in the early stages, with only 15 exploratory wells and seven appraisal wells have been drilled. To date, over 50 licenses have been awarded by the Government of Namibia, indicating that it is time for Malaysia to promote its oil companies to venture into Namibia.

Namibia is an African nation that stands out for its stable governance and small population of 3.1 million people. Interest in Namibia's developing offshore oil and gas frontier is strengthening, with companies such as Tullow Oil, Total, and others investing in recent years.

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UPCOMING BOOK PUBLICATION

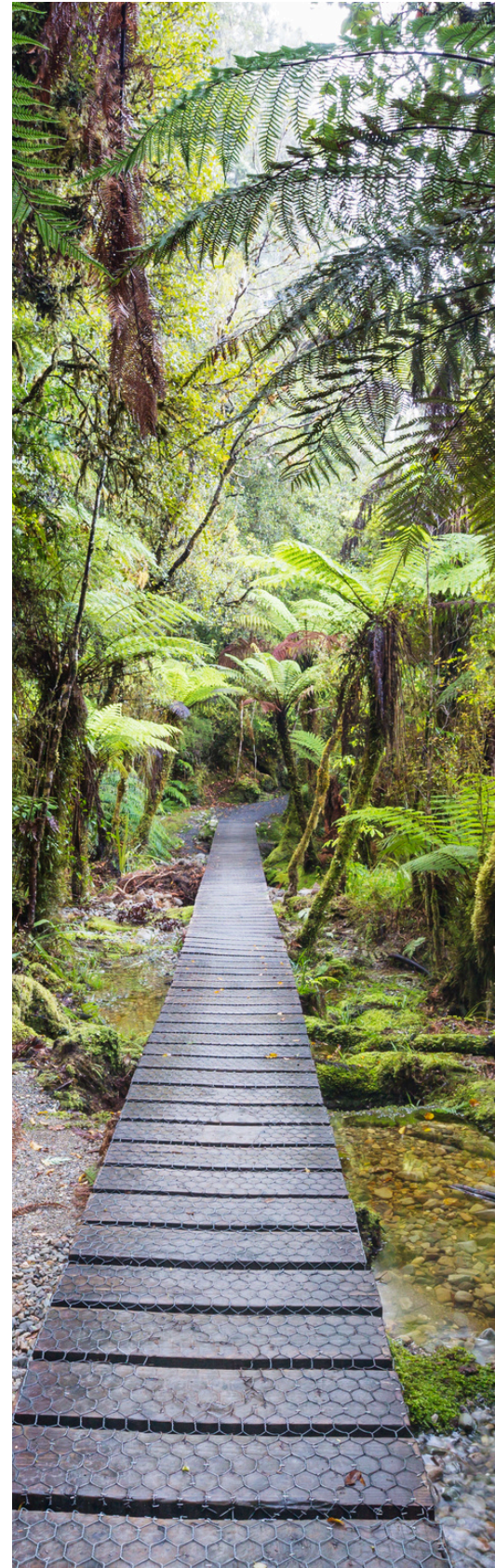
Upcoming Publications in Energy Law

Exciting developments are underway in energy law education and research, with two significant publications in progress. These books aim to enhance the academic experience for students and contribute to the evolving pedagogy of energy law, particularly for the LAW692: Fundamentals of Energy Law course.

The first publication, *Navigating Research and Publication: A Guide for Energy Law Assessment*, is designed as a practical manual to aid students in mastering the research process. This book will serve as a step-by-step guide, covering everything from identifying a research problem to drafting and refining articles suitable for journal publication. Focusing on research as a means of assessment, it seeks to equip students with the skills needed to produce high-quality scholarly work while promoting the dissemination of their findings. This manual emphasises practical engagement, enabling students to understand the relevance of their work within the broader academic and professional community.

The second publication, *Energy Law Module: A Comprehensive Guide to LAW692*, will be a dedicated resource for students undertaking this course. It will outline the syllabus, provide detailed contact hours, and include curated reading materials and lecture notes. This module will streamline the learning process and foster a deeper understanding of key energy law principles and contemporary issues in the field.

Together, these publications aim to enrich the academic journey of energy law students, ensuring they are well-prepared for academic and professional success while contributing to the broader discourse on energy law and sustainability.



"The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination."

Albert Einstein

BOOK REVIEW

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Synopsis and Evaluation

Since being accepted as a discipline, energy law has evolved from a niche field to a cornerstone of global policy discourse, particularly in climate change and energy transitions. Raphael J. Heffron's *Energy Law: An Introduction* (Second Edition) provides a timely and comprehensive exploration of this dynamic field. The book builds upon the foundations laid in the first edition, integrating recent advancements and global challenges related to energy justice, renewable transitions, and the legal frameworks underpinning these processes.

Divided into six thematic sections, the text begins by laying out the foundational principles of energy law, offering an accessible entry point for readers new to the discipline. Heffron emphasises the multidisciplinary nature of energy law, seamlessly blending legal, economic, and social perspectives. This approach ensures that the book appeals to a broad audience, including legal scholars, policymakers, and energy industry professionals. One of the standout contributions of the second edition is its focus on energy justice, which Heffron frames as a central tenet of modern energy law. The book examines the ethical dimensions of energy policy, emphasising the need for equitable access to energy resources and mitigating adverse impacts on marginalised communities. For example, Heffron's analysis of renewable energy policies in developing nations highlights the disparities in access and the systemic challenges in achieving energy equity.

The chapters dedicated to renewable energy transitions are particularly relevant, given the urgency of global climate goals. Heffron critically examines the role of international agreements, such as the Paris Agreement, and national strategies in shaping the future of energy systems. Including case studies from the European Union, the United States, and Asia enriches the discussion, offering practical insights into the complexities of energy governance.

While the book excels in its breadth and depth, certain sections, such as the critique of fossil fuel subsidies, could benefit from a more nuanced discussion. Similarly, while emphasising energy justice is commendable, more concrete examples of successful implementation would strengthen the book's practical relevance.

Overall, *Energy Law: An Introduction* (Second Edition) is vital for anyone engaged in energy systems' legal, regulatory, or policy dimensions. Its interdisciplinary approach and focus on contemporary challenges make it a valuable contribution to the field.

In the Author's Own Words

"Energy law is not a legal subject that is as conclusive as, for example, tax (revenue) law. It will continuously evolve and/or be renewed."

Heffron, p. 11.

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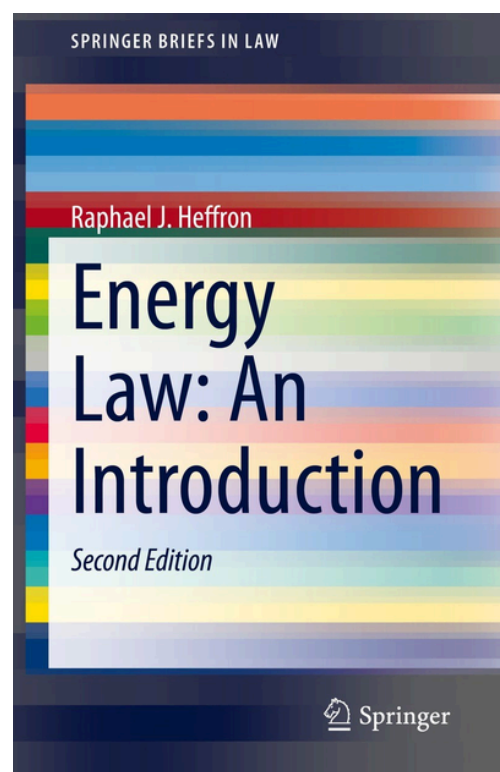
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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY STANDARDS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY WORKERS IN MALAYSIA

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A. Proposal for the Creation of an Occupational Safety Standard for Renewable Energy Workers in Malaysia

Introduction

As Malaysia embraces renewable energy (RE) to meet its sustainability goals and reduce its carbon footprint, the need for a comprehensive occupational safety framework for workers in the RE sector becomes increasingly urgent. The rapid expansion of renewable energy projects, including solar, wind, hydro, and biomass, exposes workers to unique hazards that traditional safety standards may not adequately address. While existing regulations such as the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1994 (OSHA 1994) and sector-specific guidelines provide a foundation, the absence of a dedicated standard tailored to the RE sector presents a significant gap in ensuring worker safety and well-being.

This proposal outlines the framework for creating a dedicated Occupational Safety Standard for Renewable Energy Workers in Malaysia, emphasising the unique challenges faced by this workforce and providing actionable measures to mitigate risks.

Existing Framework and Limitations

Malaysia's current safety framework for workers includes general regulations like OSHA 1994, guidelines for biogas plant safety, and international standards such as ISO 45001. While these frameworks promote workplace safety, they lack specificity for the RE sector. For instance:

- OSHA 1994 focuses on general safety principles applicable across industries without addressing sector-specific hazards such as electrical and mechanical risks in solar installations in wind energy operations.
- Guidelines on Occupational Safety and Health in Construction, Operation, and Maintenance of Biogas Plants: Published by the Department of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) Malaysia, these guidelines offer safety protocols specific to biogas plant operations, which are part of the renewable energy sector.
- SEDA Malaysia's Occupational Safety and Health Policy and similar guidelines offer broad safety goals but do not establish enforceable standards or protocols tailored to renewable energy operations.
- Malaysian Standard MS 1722:2011: This standard outlines the requirements for occupational safety and health management systems, providing a framework applicable to various industries, including renewable energy.
- Department of Standards Malaysia - Safety and Engineering: The Department of Standards Malaysia develops and maintains safety and engineering standards, including those relevant to occupational safety in the renewable energy sector.
- International standards like ISO 45001 provide valuable insights but require adaptation to Malaysia's regulatory environment and workforce needs.
- Key Changes to the Occupational Safety and Health Legislation in Malaysia: Recent amendments to OSHA 1994 have implications for all sectors, including renewable energy. Staying informed about these changes is crucial for compliance and ensuring worker safety.

This fragmented approach leaves workers vulnerable to sector-specific risks, mainly as RE projects increasingly involve outdoor and high-risk environments, such as rooftop solar installations or wind turbine maintenance.

Proposed Framework for the Standard

The proposed *Occupational Safety Standard for Renewable Energy Workers in Malaysia* aims to provide a unified, comprehensive framework that addresses the unique challenges of the RE sector. Key elements of the framework include:

1. Scope and Applicability

- The standard will apply to all workers installing, operating, maintaining, and managing renewable energy systems, including solar, wind, hydro, and biomass projects.
- It will cover on-site and off-site activities, ensuring a holistic approach to safety.

2. Core Components

- **Worksite Safety Protocols:** Establish requirements for worksite safety, including hazard identification, signage, and emergency response planning.
- **Equipment Standards:** Define safety criteria for tools, machinery, and protective equipment specific to renewable energy operations.
- **Training and Certification:** Mandate certified training programs for workers and supervisors, emphasising hazard awareness, first aid, and emergency response.
- **Environmental Hazard Mitigation:** Address risks posed by extreme weather conditions, exposure to hazardous substances, and other environmental factors.

3. Safety Standards

- **Electrical Safety:** Ensure compliance with lockout/tagout procedures, grounding requirements, and insulation checks for electrical systems.
- **Fall Protection:** Introduce mandatory safety measures for working at heights, such as rooftop solar installations and wind turbines.
- **Fire Safety:** Establish protocols for managing fire risks in biomass plants and other high-risk facilities.

4. Monitoring and Compliance

- Regular safety audits and inspections by accredited bodies are required to ensure adherence to the standard.
- Develop a certification system for worksites meeting the safety criteria outlined in the standard.

5. Implementation Guidelines

- Provide step-by-step instructions for adopting the standard, including training materials, safety checklists, and case studies.
- Encourage collaboration between government agencies, industry stakeholders, and worker representatives to ensure widespread adoption.

Intended Outcomes

1. **Enhanced Worker Safety:** By addressing RE workers' specific hazards, the standard will reduce workplace injuries and fatalities, fostering a safer working environment.
2. **Regulatory Alignment:** The standard will complement existing regulations, creating a cohesive safety framework that aligns with international best practices while addressing Malaysia's unique challenges.
3. **Increased Industry Accountability:** Introducing enforceable safety protocols will encourage employers to prioritise worker safety, ensuring compliance with national and international standards.
4. **Promotion of Renewable Energy Growth:** A robust safety framework will support the sustainable expansion of Malaysia's RE sector by mitigating risks and building public and industry confidence.

Conclusion

Creating a dedicated *Occupational Safety Standard for Renewable Energy Workers in Malaysia* is critical to safeguarding the workforce and supporting the nation's transition to renewable energy. By addressing existing gaps and providing a comprehensive, enforceable framework, this standard will ensure the safety and well-being of RE workers, aligning with Malaysia's broader goals of sustainability and economic growth. Collaboration among government agencies, industry leaders, and safety experts will be essential in bringing this proposal to fruition, setting a benchmark for safety in Malaysia's renewable energy sector.

B. Occupational Safety Standard for Renewable Energy Workers in Malaysia

Introduction

Renewable energy (RE) development in Malaysia is rapidly expanding as the nation strives to meet its sustainability goals. This growth necessitates a robust framework to protect the safety and well-being of workers engaged in the renewable energy sector. The "Occupational Safety Standards for Renewable Energy Workers in Malaysia" aims to establish comprehensive guidelines to ensure safe practices, reduce workplace hazards, and promote a culture of safety in the RE industry.

Scope

These standards apply to all personnel engaged in renewable energy activities, including but not limited to solar, wind, hydro, biomass, and geothermal energy projects. The document covers the following aspects:

- Worksite safety protocols.
- Equipment handling and maintenance.
- Training and certification requirements.
- Emergency response procedures.
- Environmental hazard mitigation.

Definitions

1. Renewable Energy (RE) Worker: Any individual employed in the installation, maintenance, operation, or management of renewable energy systems.
2. Hazardous Worksite: Any location where RE activities pose worker risks due to electrical, mechanical, or environmental factors.
3. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Safety equipment such as helmets, gloves, safety harnesses, and goggles designed to protect workers from potential hazards.

Design and Construction Standards

1. Worksite Safety:
 - All renewable energy worksites must meet local Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) requirements.
 - Hazard signs and emergency exit routes must be marked.
2. Equipment Standards:
 - All tools and machinery used in RE installations must meet certified safety standards (e.g., ISO or IEC).
 - Regular inspections and maintenance schedules must be implemented.

Performance Standards

1. Training and Certification:
 - Workers must undergo certified training programs that include hazard identification, first aid, and emergency response.
 - Certification programs must align with national safety guidelines and international best practices.
2. Worksite Monitoring:
 - Supervisors must conduct routine safety audits to ensure compliance with safety protocols.
 - Real-time monitoring systems should be implemented for high-risk operations such as rooftop solar installations.

Safety Standards

1. Electrical Safety:

- Workers must follow lockout/tagout procedures when working with live electrical systems.
- Grounding and insulation checks must be conducted before initiating any work.

2. Environmental Safety:

- Workers must be equipped to handle extreme weather conditions, particularly outdoor installations.
- Protective measures must be in place to prevent falls, slips, or exposure to hazardous substances.

Testing and Certification

1. Safety Compliance Testing:

- All safety equipment and procedures must undergo annual compliance testing by an accredited body.

2. Worksite Safety Certification:

- Renewable energy projects must obtain safety certification before commencing operations.

Implementation Guidelines

1. Training Protocols:

- Workers must complete a mandatory safety induction program before commencing work.
- On-the-job refresher courses must be conducted annually.

2. Emergency Preparedness:

- Worksites must have an emergency response team to handle accidents, fires, or environmental hazards.
- First aid kits and fire extinguishers must be readily available at all worksites.

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3. International Labour Organization (ILO) Guidelines for Renewable Energy Safety.
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STANDARDS FOR SAFE AND COMPLIANT RENEWABLE ENERGY INSTALLATIONS IN MALAYSIA

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A. Proposal for the Creation of Standards for Safe and Compliant Renewable Energy Installations in Malaysia

Introduction

Renewable energy (RE) installations are vital to Malaysia's efforts to achieve sustainability and reduce dependency on fossil fuels. As the sector expands, it is crucial to establish robust safety and compliance standards to protect workers, the environment, and the communities involved. This document outlines a comprehensive framework designed to address the specific challenges of RE installations, ensuring safe and compliant practices throughout the lifecycle of these projects.

Existing Framework and Limitations

Malaysia's current safety framework for renewable energy installations relies on general regulations such as the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1994 and international standards like ISO 45001. While these frameworks provide valuable guidelines, they lack specificity for RE installations, leading to gaps in implementation and enforcement. Key limitations include:

1. Generalized Guidelines:

- Existing regulations address broad occupational safety issues. Still, they might not adequately address the unique risks of RE projects, such as electrical hazards in solar installations or mechanical risks in wind energy systems.

2. Inconsistent Compliance:

- The absence of sector-specific standards results in inconsistencies across projects, with varying levels of safety and performance.

3. Environmental Concerns:

- Inadequate guidelines for environmental impact assessments (EIA) and site management can lead to ecological disruption during RE project development.

Proposed Framework for the Standard

Scope

This standard applies to all renewable energy installations in Malaysia, including:

- Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems
- Wind Energy Systems
- Hydropower Systems
- Biomass and Biogas Systems

It covers the entire lifecycle of renewable energy projects, from design and construction to operation and maintenance.

Design and Planning Standards

- Site Assessment:
 - Conduct Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) to identify and mitigate potential ecological and social risks.
 - Ensure compliance with zoning regulations and land use policies.
- Structural Integrity:
 - Adhere to local building codes and international standards (e.g., IEC 61730 for solar systems).
 - Incorporate climate-resilient designs to withstand environmental stressors such as heavy rainfall and high humidity.
- Electrical Safety:
 - Utilize certified components and ensure proper grounding, insulation, and surge protection.

Construction Standards

- Workplace Safety:
 - Mandate personal protective equipment (PPE) and provide safety training for all personnel.
 - Implement strict protocols for high-risk activities, such as working at heights or with electrical systems.
- Environmental Safeguards:
 - Minimize land clearing and protect sensitive ecosystems.
 - Ensure proper waste disposal practices and pollution control measures during construction.
- Equipment Installation:
 - Follow manufacturer guidelines for all installations.
 - Verify alignment, stability, and connectivity of components.

Operational Standards

- System Monitoring:
 - Install real-time monitoring systems to track performance and detect faults.
 - Schedule regular inspections and maintenance checks to ensure optimal functionality.
- Emergency Preparedness:
 - Develop response plans for electrical faults, fires, or natural disasters.
 - Equip facilities with fire extinguishers, first aid kits, and other safety tools.

Compliance and Enforcement

- Certification Requirements:
 - All renewable energy installations must be certified by accredited bodies to verify compliance with safety and performance standards.
- Audits and Inspections:
 - Conduct periodic audits to ensure adherence to established guidelines.
 - Address non-compliance through corrective actions and penalties.
- Legal Framework Alignment:
 - Align with the Renewable Energy Act 2011 and other relevant Malaysian laws.
 - Secure necessary permits and approvals for project execution.

Intended Outcomes

The proposed standards aim to:

- Enhance Safety:
 - By addressing sector-specific risks, the standard will reduce workplace incidents and ensure the safety of workers and surrounding communities.
- Promote Consistency:
 - A unified framework will standardize safety and compliance practices across all RE projects in Malaysia.
- Support Environmental Goals:
 - Clear guidelines for environmental protection will minimize ecological disruption and promote sustainability.
- Boost Industry Credibility:
 - Adopting globally recognized standards will attract international investment and collaboration in Malaysia's renewable energy sector.
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Conclusion

The Standards for Safe and Compliant Renewable Energy Installations in Malaysia address critical gaps in the current regulatory framework. By enhancing safety, ensuring compliance, and promoting sustainability, these standards will safeguard workers, protect the environment, and support Malaysia's transition to renewable energy. Collaboration among government agencies, industry leaders, and stakeholders will be essential for successfully implementing and enforcing these standards.

B. Standards for Safe and Compliant Renewable Energy Installations in Malaysia

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It covers the entire lifecycle of renewable energy projects, from design and construction to operation and maintenance, aiming to ensure uniformity, safety, and sustainability in practices.

Definitions

1. Renewable Energy Installation (REI): Any facility or system designed to generate energy from renewable sources.
2. Compliance: Adherence to legal, technical, and environmental standards for RE installations.
3. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA): A study to evaluate the environmental effects of a proposed RE installation.

Design and Construction Standards

Site Assessment

- Conduct Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) to mitigate potential ecological and social risks.
- Ensure compliance with zoning laws and land use policies.

Structural Integrity

- Adhere to Malaysian building codes and international standards (e.g., IEC 61730 for PV systems).
- Incorporate climate-resilient designs to withstand environmental stressors like heavy rainfall and high humidity.

Electrical Safety

- Use certified components and ensure proper grounding, insulation, and surge protection.
- Design systems to prevent overloads and short circuits.

Performance Standards

1. Energy Efficiency:
 - Ensure installations meet or exceed national benchmarks for energy output and efficiency.
2. Reliability:
 - Implement robust monitoring systems to minimise downtime and maintain consistent performance.
3. Sustainability:
 - Incorporate renewable materials and eco-friendly practices in all phases of installation.

Safety Standards

1. Workplace Safety:
 - Provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and enforce safety training for all workers.
 - Develop emergency response plans for incidents like fires or electrical faults.
2. Environmental Safeguards:
 - Implement measures to minimise ecological disruption and pollution during operations.
3. Public Safety:
 - Ensure installations are secure and do not pose risks to surrounding communities.

Testing and Certification

- Compliance Testing:
 - Conduct periodic tests to ensure installations meet technical and safety standards.
- Certification:
 - All RE installations must be certified by an accredited body to verify safety and performance standards compliance.
- Inspection Protocols:
 - Regular audits and inspections must be carried out to maintain adherence to guidelines.

Implementation Guidelines

1. Training and Education:
 - Provide training programs for workers and stakeholders to familiarise them with the standards.
 - Offer refresher courses to ensure knowledge remains up-to-date.
2. Documentation:
 - Maintain detailed records of compliance audits, certifications, and incident reports.
3. Collaboration:
 - Work with government agencies, industry leaders, and local communities to ensure widespread adoption.
4. Enforcement:
 - Establish penalties for non-compliance to encourage adherence to the standards.

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3. IEC Standards for Renewable Energy Systems.
4. ISO 9001: Quality Management Systems.
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Key Takeaways:

- Energy law is pivotal in fostering sustainable development and guiding the transition to renewable energy.
- This bulletin highlights the intersection of law and energy, showcasing best practices, regulatory updates, and innovative solutions for a sustainable future.
- Collaborative efforts among academics, policymakers, and industries are essential for achieving global energy justice and sustainability.

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