

To: All VWOs Centre Managers / Home Administrators

NCSS Advisory Haze Situation in Singapore

As you are aware, Southwest Monsoon conditions have set in for the southern ASEAN region since the beginning of last week. The Southwest Monsoon period, which typically lasts from June to September, is the traditional dry season for the southern ASEAN region.

Since 12 June 2013, Singapore has been experiencing hazy conditions, with the air quality being in the 'unhealthy' range (24-hour PSI reading of more than 100). The haziness is due to smoke haze being brought over from the fires in Sumatra by winds blowing from the west or southwest.

All VWO centres are advised to monitor the haze situation through the media for any updates and to monitor the health situations of your clients closely, especially children, older adults and those with asthma, heart and respiratory problems. All centres should reduce physical exertion and outdoor activities for these clients until the situation improves. Please monitor the health condition of employees who need to travel outdoor.

For more information on haze, you may wish to refer to : <http://app2.nea.gov.sg/anti-pollution-radiation-protection/air-pollution/faqs-on-the-haze>.

The PSI readings and health advisories for the five regions in Singapore (North, South, East, West and Central), which are updated at 8am, 12 noon and 4pm are also available at the NEA PSI page. You could access PSI updates through the following channels:

- [Weather@SG website](#)
- [NEA Twitter](#)
- NEA Call Centre at 1800 CALL NEA (1800 2255 632)
- NEA myENV App on [iPhone](#) and [Android](#)