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**DENR MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
**No. 2022 - 15**

**SUBJECT : ADDITIONAL LIST OF CLASSIFIED WATER BODIES**

Pursuant to DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2016-08 (Water Quality Guidelines and General Effluent Standards of 2016) and in accordance with the Manual of Procedure for Water Classification, this Circular which provides for the additional list of classified water bodies is hereby issued.

**SECTION 1. Basic Policy.** It is the policy of the state to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

**SECTION 2. Objectives.** The following are the purposes for the classification of the water bodies:

1. To maintain the minimum conditions necessary to assure the suitability of water for its designated use or classification; and
2. To serve as a guide in the enforcement of the Effluent Standards as provided under DAO No. 2016-08

**SECTION 3. Scope and Coverage.** This Circular shall cover all industrial establishments, business, commercial and agricultural firms, local government units, government-owned or controlled corporations and other similar entities and instrumentalities, including persons discharging liquid wastes into the water bodies which will be required to observe and comply with the foregoing classification.

All existing discharges are given twelve (12) months within which to phase their compliance with the classification of the water body.

**SECTION 4. Definition of Terms.** The classes of water bodies are defined as follows:

4.1 Fresh Surface Waters (rivers, lakes, reservoirs, etc.)

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| Class AA | Public Water Supply Class I. Intended primarily for waters having watersheds, which are uninhabited and/or otherwise declared as protected areas, and which require only approved disinfection to meet the latest Philippine National Standards for Drinking Water (PNSDW). |
| Class A  | Public Water Supply Class II. Intended as sources of water supply requiring conventional treatment (coagulation, sedimentation, filtration and disinfection) to meet the latest PNSDW.  |
| Class B  | Recreational Water Class I. Intended for primary contact recreation (bathing, swimming etc.)  |
| Class C  | 1) Fishery Water for propagation and growth of fish and other aquatic resources;<br>2) Recreation Water Class II. For boating, fishing, or similar activities; and  |

3) For agricultural, irrigation, and livestock watering.

Class D Navigable waters.

#### 4.2 Coastal and Marine Waters

Class SA 1) Protected Waters – Waters designated as national or local marine parks, reserves, sanctuaries, and other areas established by law (Presidential Proclamation 1801 and other existing laws), and/or declared as such by appropriate government agency, LGUs, etc.

2) Fishery Water Class I – Suitable for shellfish harvesting for direct human consumption.

Class SB 1) Fishery Water Class II – Water suitable for commercial propagation of shellfish and intended as spawning areas for milkfish (*Chanos chanos*) and similar species

2) Tourist Zones – For ecotourism and recreational activities

3) Recreational Water Class I – Intended for primary contact recreation (bathing, swimming, skin diving etc.).

Class SC 1) Fishery Water Class III – For propagation and growth of fish and other aquatic resources and intended for commercial and sustenance fishing

2) Recreational Water Class II – For boating, fishing, or similar activities; and

3) Marshy and/or mangrove areas declared as fish and wildlife sanctuaries.

Class SD Navigable waters

**SECTION 5. Additional List of Classified Water Bodies.** The following water bodies are hereby officially classified as follows:

Name	Station	Location	Class
<b>Region 3</b>			
1. Abacan River	Whole Stretch	Angeles City, Pampanga	B
2. Lucong River	Whole Stretch	Bamban, Capas & Concepcion, Tarlac	C
<b>Region 4A</b>			
3. Guinhalinan River	Daniwdiw and Magsalat Tributaries	Buenavista and San Narciso, Quezon	B
	Main River		C
4. Pagsangahan River	Whole Stretch	San Francisco, Quezon	B
5. Yabahaan River	Whole Stretch	San Andres & San Francisco, Quezon	B
<b>Region 4B</b>			
6. Alipid River	Whole Stretch	Sablayan, Mindoro Occidental	B
7. Amnay River	Whole Stretch	Sablayan and Sta. Cruz, Mindoro Occidental	B
8. Campong Ulay River	Sitio Candis	Rizal, Palawan	A

	Sitio Sibangko and Ilog-Ilog Bridge		B
9.Candawaga River	Sitio Nicud and Sitio Nasaru	Rizal, Palawan	A
	Purok Pag-asa II		B
	Sitio Tagkawayan		C
10.Culasian River	Sitio Tuburon	Rizal, Palawan	B
	Culasian Bridge		C
	Downstream		SC
11.Iraan River	Whole Stretch	Rizal, Palawan	B
12.Iwahig River	Whole Stretch	Rizal, Palawan	B
13.Malambunga River	Sitio Calupisan	Bataraza, Brooke's Point, Palawan	A
	Sitio Kapayas and Malambunga Bridge		B
14.Mongpong River	Whole Stretch	Sablayan, Mindoro Occidental	B
15.Ransang River	Sitio Sinagpang and Ransang Bridge	Rizal, Palawan	B
	New Site and downstream		SC
16.Tagbuaya River	Sitio Magtayug	Rizal, Palawan	A
	Maharlika and Tagbuaya Bridge		B
<b>Region 5</b>			
17.Barit River	Whole Stretch	Iriga City and Buhi, Camarines Sur	B
18.Daraga River	Whole Stretch	Iriga City and Buhi, Camarines Sur	C
19.Geladioc River	Whole Stretch	Magallanes, Sorsogon	C
<b>Region 6</b>			
20.Cabano River	Burot-Burot Creek to Cabano Bridge	Jordan and San Lorenzo, Guimaras	B
	Bugnay Bridge to Odyong Creek to Tangao Bridge		C
21.Dao River	Brgy. Igcadac and Poblacion Sur	Tobias Fornier, Antique	B
	Igcasica Creek to Igcadac Mixing Zone to Ysulat Bridge to Dao Bridge		C
22.Janipaan-Jelicuon Watershed	Whole Stretch	Province of Iloilo	C
23.Tabun-ac/Agutayan River	Whole Stretch	San Enrique and Dingle, Iloilo	C
<b>Region 7</b>			
Butuanon River**	Whole Stretch	Mandaue City, Cebu	C
24.Oslob Coastal Waters	All Stations	Oslob, Cebu	SB
25.Canamucan River	Upstream Stations 3 and 4	Compostela, Cebu	B
	Downstream Stations 1 and 2		C
26.Tambul River	Whole Stretch	San Remegio, Cebu	A
27. Languyon River	Upstream of Marmol	Tuburan, Cebu	A
	Station 4 down to Marmol		B
<b>Region 8</b>			
28.Anas River	Whole Stretch	Naval, Biliran	C
29.Caraycaray River	Whole Stretch	Naval Biliran	C
<b>Region 9</b>			
30.Limpapa-Labuan Coastal Water	Entire Water Body	Zamboanga City, Zamboanga del Sur	SC

31. Little Sta. Cruz Coastal Water	Entire Water Body	Zamboanga City, Zamboanga del Sur	SA
32. Pagadian Bay, Part of Illana Bay and Moro Gulf	Entire Water Body	Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur	SC
<b>Region 10</b>			
33. Lake Apo	Whole Lake	Valencia City, Bukidnon	B
34. Liangan River	Upstream	Bacolod, Lanao del Norte	A
	Midstream		B
	Downstream		C
35. Masiu River	Whole Stretch	Lanao del Sur	A
36. Poonabayabao River	Whole Stretch	Lanao del Sur	A
37. Ragain River	Whole Stretch	Lanao del Sur	A
38. Takara River	Whole Stretch	Lanao del Sur	A
39. Usogan-Migpange River	Upstream	Bonifacio, Misamis Occidental	A
	Midstream		B
	Downstream		C
<b>Region 11</b>			
40. Bitagan River	Whole Stretch	Davao Oriental	B
41. Cuabo River	Whole Stretch	Davao Oriental	B
42. Davao Gulf (Davao Oriental)	Banay-Banay to Lupon	Davao Oriental	SC
	San Isidro to Gov. Gen		SB
43. Matanao River	From the confluence of Miral River to upstream	Davao del Sur	C
44. Tibungoy River	From the mouth to upstream including the tributaries of Myco River	Davao Oriental	C
Padada River**	Whole Stretch	Davao del Sur	C
<b>Region 12</b>			
45. Dalol River	Whole Stretch	Columbio, Sultan Kudarat	B
46. Tambilil River	Whole Stretch	Kiamba, Sarangani, Province	C
47. Taluk River	Whole Stretch	Kiamba, Sarangani Province	B
<b>Region 13 (Caraga)</b>			
48. Siargao Island Coastal and Marine Waters	Marine Protected Areas or no activity zone	Surigao del Norte	SA
	The whole area outside the Protected Areas		SB
<b>Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)</b>			
49. Ikmin River*	Whole Stretch	Province of Abra	B

*\*Principal River*

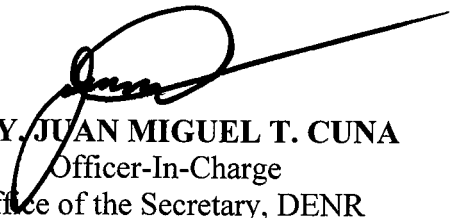
*\*\*Reclassification*

The DENR is not precluded to reclassify the abovementioned waterbodies if there is new information received from its stakeholders that may warrant reclassification consistent with the requirements under Rule 19.11 of DAO 2005-10 and Chapter III of the Manual of Procedures on Classifying / Reclassifying Waterbodies.

**SECTION 6. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Circular shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the other portions or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue in full force and effect.

**SECTION 7. Repealing Clause.** All Circulars and other similar issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked, amended, or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 8. Effectivity.** This Circular shall take effect immediately.



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