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MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY

TO : The Director, EMB
All Regional Directors, EMB

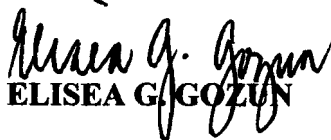
SUBJECT : **Requiring malls, restaurants, hotels, apartelles and other residential buildings, subdivisions, hospitals and similar establishments to set up sewage treatment facilities as a condition to the granting of Environmental Compliance Certificates (ECC) and Permits to Operate (PO).**

DATE : FEB 10 2004

Untreated domestic wastewater is the main contributor to Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) pollution, accounting for 48% of the total load in water-bodies and tributaries.

In view of this and in line with our effort to improve water quality, you are hereby instructed to include sewage treatment facilities as a condition of the ECC of all new projects such as hospitals, malls, restaurants, hotels and other residential buildings, subdivisions and similar establishments. All existing facilities and establishments are also required to set up sewage treatment facilities as a condition to the renewal of their PO.

For your information and immediate action.


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