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MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY

TO : THE DIRECTOR
Environmental Management Bureau (EMB)

THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS
EMB Regions I to XIII, CAR and NCR

SUBJECT : **HOLDING IN ABEYANCE THE ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING
AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE**

DATE : JAN 06, 2023

It has been reported that EMB Regional Offices have already been accepting, processing and approving applications for Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) for Offshore Wind Energy and Floating Solar Energy Projects despite the lack of clear guidelines indicating a well thought, evidence and science-based criteria, parameters and requirements to appropriately assess the impacts of these projects on the coastal and marine environment.

Please be informed that the DENR has an on-going discussion with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for a possible Technical Assistance to help in the crafting of these guidelines to make sure that all possible impacts can be looked into and adequately considered in the event that these types of projects are pursued.

In view of this, you are hereby directed to hold in abeyance the acceptance, processing and approval of all applications for ECCs involving these types of projects until further notice or guidelines for this purpose shall have been issued. For the ECCs already issued, please inform proponents that additional requirements may be issued based on the requirements of the guidelines.

Further, the offices of the Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs, Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change, and Director of the Environmental Management Bureau are also directed to closely coordinate with the ADB on the requirements of the technical assistance and immediately commence the discussion on the crafting of the guidelines.

For immediate compliance.


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Secretary

cc: The Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs
The Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change

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