



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**
Policy and Planning Service
Legal Affairs Service
Climate Change Service

The Bureau Directors
Biodiversity Management Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau
Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau

FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY, PEACE, UNIFICATION AND RECONCILIATION ON THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS PROHIBITION ACT**

DATE : 02 August 2024

In reference to the electronic mail received by our Office, the Senate Committee on National Defense and Security, Peace, Unification and Reconciliation joint with the Committee on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Ways and Means, and Finance is inviting the Department to the **Public Hearing on 13 August 2024, Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. at Senator A.B. Padilla Room, 2nd Floor, Senate of the Philippines, Pasay City**, to discuss the following legislative measures:

1. **Senate Bill No. 2723** - An Act Prohibiting The Development, Production, Stockpiling And Use Of Chemical Weapons, Providing For Their Destruction, And Imposing Penalties For Violations Therefor (Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada)
2. **House Bill No. 9571** - An Act Prohibiting The Development, Production, Stockpiling, And Use Of Chemical Weapons, Providing For Their Destruction, And Imposing Penalties For Violations Thereof (Introduced by Representatives Jorge "Patrol" Bustos, Dan S. Fernandez, Romeo M. Acop, Reynante U. Arrogancia, Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga, et. Al)

In this regard, may we respectfully request your comments/recommendations on the abovementioned bills, if you haven't already submitted, as requested by the Committee. Kindly submit your comments on or **before 08 August 2024; 5:00 PM.** via email at denrlo@denr.gov.ph. Further, kindly inform us of the name/s and emails of

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the representative/s from your office who will participate in the meeting so we may include him/her/them as resource person/s.

Attached herewith is the Letter Invitation, and a copy of the bills, through this link <https://bit.ly/4ccsMp4> , for your reference.

Your attendance is highly encouraged.



ROMIROSE B. PADIN

cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs



Republic of the Philippines
CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES
SENATE
Pasay City

**COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY, PEACE,
UNIFICATION AND RECONCILIATION**
JOINT WITH THE COMMITTEES ON CIVIL SERVICE, GOVERNMENT
REORGANIZATION AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION; WAYS AND MEANS; AND
FINANCE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

1 August 2024

HON. MARIA ANTONIA YULO LOYZAGA
Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

Dear **SEC. LOYZAGA**:

The Committee on National Defense and Security, Peace, Unification and Reconciliation joint with the Committees on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation; Ways and Means; and Finance is inviting you to attend a **Public Hearing** scheduled on **August 13, 2024, Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. at the Sen. A.B. Padilla Room, 2nd Floor, Senate of the Philippines, Pasay City**, to discuss the following:

DECLARATION OF STATE OF IMMINENT DISASTER ACT

- **Senate Bill No. 2643**- An Act Institutionalizing A Mechanism on The Declaration of State of Imminent Disaster, Providing The Criteria For Such Declaration And Lifting, Enabling Anticipatory Measures, And Providing Funds Therefor (*Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada*)

BENEFITS FOR THE PUBLIC DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT WORKERS AND VOLUNTEERS

- **Senate Bill No. 1518** – An Act Providing for the Magna Carta for Public Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Workers. (*Introduced by Senator Ramon Bong Revilla Jr.*)
- **Senate Bill No. 1692** – An Act Providing for the Magna Carta for Public Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Workers (*Introduced by Senator Raffy T. Tulfo*)
- **Senate Bill No. 1354** – An Act Institutionalizing Death Benefits for Community Disaster Personnel Deployed During Disaster (*Introduced by Senator Mark A. Villar*)
- **Senate Bill No. 1709** – An Act Amending Republic Act No. 10121, Otherwise known as the ‘Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010,’ for the purpose of Granting Hazard Pay to Disaster Response Personnel During State of Calamity (*Introduced by Senator Christopher “Bong” T. Go*)
- **Senate Bill No. 2465** – An Act Providing For The Magna Carta For Public Disaster Risk Reduction And Management Workers (*Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada*)

CHEMICAL WEAPONS PROHIBITION ACT

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Your agency’s **position paper and/or a 5-minute PowerPoint presentation** on the said measures is likewise solicited as part of our senator-members’ briefer. We would appreciate it if you could provide the same **prior to the hearing date**.

Kindly confirm your attendance to the secretariat.

As part of the Senate’s health and safety protocols, the following guidelines are implemented for resource persons who will **physically** attend Committee Hearings and Meetings:

1. Names of resource persons must be submitted to the Committee Secretariat at least one (1) day before the Hearing/ Meeting for proper endorsement to the Office of the Senate Sergeant-at-Arms. Those who are not in the list will be denied entry; and

2. Before entry, resource persons should present to the medical staff on duty at the Senate lobby proof of full vaccination (must at least completed the primary dose series).

Please send to us the name of the confirmed attendee/s via email at senate.nationaldefense@gmail.com on or before the scheduled hearing date.

Should you have any queries or concerns, please call the undersigned, or look for **Ms. Yanyan Adis** at Mobile No.: 09176845189 **or** you can contact **Atty. Norliza R. Villanueva** at Mobile No.: 09399070091.

We appreciate your attention to our requests.

Very truly yours,

By the Authority of the Chairperson:
SEN. JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
Committee on National Defense and Security,
Peace, Unification and Reconciliation



ATTY. NORLIZA R. VILLANUEVA
Legislative Committee Secretary