



**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS YAMAN**



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** The Assistant Secretary and Director  
Biodiversity Management Bureau

The OIC Asst. Secretary for Field Operations Mindanao and  
Concurrent FMB Director

The OIC Asst. Secretary for Environment and Concurrent  
EMB Director

The Director  
Land Management Bureau

The Director  
Mines and Geosciences Bureau

The Director  
Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau

**FROM :** The Undersecretary  
Field Operations Luzon, Visayas and Environment

**SUBJECT :** **REQUEST FOR SUBMISSION OF STREAMLINED  
PROCESSES UNDER ARTA's PROCESS REENGINEERING  
AND NEHEMIA PROGRAM**

**DATE :** **SEP 11 2024**

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To ensure the Department's adherence to ARTA's directives on streamlining and reengineering program under the NEHEMIA Program.

Your respective Offices are hereby directed to submit your updated reengineering plans and streamlined processes improvement for your critical services through email at [officeofuseccuna@denr.gov.ph](mailto:officeofuseccuna@denr.gov.ph) on or before 16 September 2024.

For **STRICT** compliance.

  
**ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, CESO I**

MEMO NO. 2024 - 819



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**Fwd: OSEC-2024-004136: [ARTA] REQUEST FOR A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE NEHEMIA PROGRAM FOR RESPONSIBLE MINING AND SUSTAINABLE WATER MANAGEMENT**

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Ariel Francis De Castro <arielfrancis2000@gmail.com>  
To: fms.mgt@denr.gov.ph

Mon, Jul 15, 2024 at 1:18 PM

Good day,

Respectfully forwarded for your appropriate action. Kindly coordinate with the Supervising Undersecretaries for Mining and Undersecretary for Integrated Environmental Science for the attendees.

Thank you.

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Thank you.

Regards,



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Sir/ Madam:

Respectfully referred to your good office for information and appropriate action, with EDATS No. OSEC-2024-004136.

Thank you!

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**From: Better Regulations Office - Sectoral Division A** <[brodiv.a@arta.gov.ph](mailto:brodiv.a@arta.gov.ph)>

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*[Sent on behalf of ARTA Director General Ernesto V. Perez]*

**MARIA ANTONIA YULO-LOYZAGA**

Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

**SUBJECT : HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE NEHEMIA PROGRAM FOR RESPONSIBLE MINING AND SUSTAINABLE WATER MANAGEMENT**

**Dear Secretary Loyzaga:**

Greetings from the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA)!

In line with ARTA's mandate under Republic Act (RA) No. 11032, or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018, the Authority has diligently been working on assisting agencies in streamlining their regulatory processes across various sectors in the country. ARTA's inter-agency streamlining flagship program, the National Effort for Harmonization of Efficient Measures in Inter-related Agencies (NEHEMIA) Program, operates on a sectoral basis with the goal of expediting processes, providing ease in doing business, and contributing to the realization of the government's socio-economic agenda. Initially, the NEHEMIA Program targeted priority sectors such as Telecommunications, Housing, Food and Pharmaceuticals, Construction, Logistics, and Energy. In 2024, ARTA intends to include Responsible Mining and Sustainable Water Management among its focus sectors for reengineering and streamlining.

As part of its commitment to streamlining processes in these additional focus areas, ARTA has commenced preliminary activities, including exploratory meetings and stakeholder consultations, to assess the current processes and requirements concerning the issuance of permits, licenses, and certifications related to the filing of applications for mining and for pipe-laying and repair works for water connection.

In view thereof, the Authority respectfully requests an audience with you and/or concerned officials/technical personnel of the DENR on **01 August 2024, from 03:00 P.M. to 05:00 P.M.**, at your premises, to present ARTA's initiatives in reengineering and streamlining regulatory processes. This high-level meeting will provide an opportunity to delve into the identification of pain points within the **current end-to-end regulatory processes and explore possible solutions**, as these sectors fall within the purview of your good Office. Our collective goal is to foster an environment conducive to responsible mining practices and sustainable water management with ease in doing business.

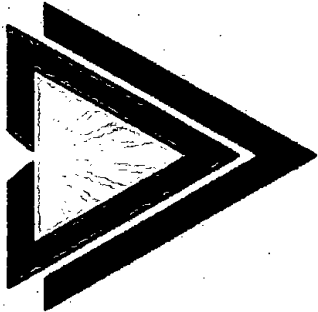
Our Better Regulations Office – Sectoral Division A will be coordinating with your Office on specific arrangements for this request. For inquiries, your staff may reach us through electronic mail at [brodiv.a@arta.gov.ph](mailto:brodiv.a@arta.gov.ph) or via phone call at 1-ARTA (2782). Thank you.

Sincerely,

*[signed]*

**SECRETARY ERNESTO V. PEREZ**

Director General



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