



## MEMORANDUM

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Environmental Management Bureau  
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**FROM :** The Undersecretary  
Policy, Planning and International Affairs

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3. Other directives to the Office of the Secretary ([osec@denr.gov.ph](mailto:osec@denr.gov.ph)); cc: [policy@denr.gov.ph](mailto:policy@denr.gov.ph), [ppso.pmed@denr.gov.ph](mailto:ppso.pmed@denr.gov.ph)

  
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3. Other directives to the Office of the Secretary

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*Handwritten initials and signatures:*  
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**DENR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 2024-19**  
28 August 2024 | 09:00 AM (PST)  
OSEC Conference Room, DENR-CO, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

**PRESIDED BY: SEC. MARIA ANTONIA YULO LOYZAGA**

**ATTENDEES:** Usec. Jonas R. Leones  
Usec. Ernesto D. Adobo, Jr.  
Usec. Augusto D. Dela Peña  
Usec. Juan Miguel T. Cuna  
Usec. Joselin Marcus E. Fragada  
Usec. Marilou G. Erni  
Usec. Ignatius Loyola A. Rodriguez  
Usec. Analiza Rebuelta-Teh  
Usec. Carlos Primo C. David  
HEA Jose Joaquin Y. Loyzaga  
Asec. Marcial C. Amaro, Jr.  
Director Arleigh J. Adorable  
Director Jacqueline A. Caancan  
Engr. Teodorico A. Sandoval  
Atty. Emelyne V. Talabis  
Director Maria Loudes G. Ferrer  
Director Cheryl T. Leal  
Secretariat

**REFERENCE: NOTICE OF MEETING NO. 2024-19**

The meeting commenced at 9:39 AM and was presided over by Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga.

AGENDA	DIRECTIVES / INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SECRETARY	PERSON/ OFFICE RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINE
<p>1. Report by the following Bureaus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Biodiversity sector (Presented by Asec. Amaro)</b></li> </ul>	<p><u>Major program implementation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Find out the details of the new cave in Palawan that was reportedly undocumented and affected by the digging activity for a DPWH project.</li> <li>- Coordinate with EMB regarding the formulation of a strategy to address zoonotic diseases (African swine fever and Avian flu) in heavily affected regions, and the location of the ground zero for swine flu and match the need for disposal and management.</li> <li>- EMB and BMB to collaborate/coordinate with concerned agencies (DA) on heavily affected areas and utilize available facilities of DENR for disposal of swine.</li> <li>- BMB and EMB to collaborate in developing a protocol in handling and disposal of swine and poultry waste.</li> <li>- Pending the approval of plantilla positions for Protected Area Management Offices (PAMO), consider allocating these positions to Veterinarians and other related professionals to strengthen efforts in addressing zoonotic diseases.</li> <li>- Submit details of the National Action Plan on Ecosystem Restoration and Species Extinction Prevention (NAPERSEP) to the Secretary, especially regarding species that are being protected in the 11 critical habitats.</li> <li>- Submit a copy of WFP for the Conservation Plan for five priority species to OSEC</li> </ul>	<p>BMB</p> <p>BMB</p> <p>BMB, EMB</p> <p>BMB, EMB, HRDS</p> <p>BMB</p> <p>BMB</p>	

	<p><b><u>Budget utilization and catch-up plans</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fast track the approval of the guidelines on adopting the existing NGP Guidelines for NGP sites within the PAs to address Budget Utilization gaps.</li> <li>- For NGP within PAs, conduct analysis by cross examining forest cover vs vegetation vs agriculture vs other uses. Know where the NGP sites are within the PAs.</li> <li>- Provide technical assistance to BMB in identifying NGP Sites within Protected Areas through Geospatial Analysis, i.e. analyze/intersect the vegetation area, deforested area, etc.</li> <li>- BMB to update proposals for the adoption of PBSAP Framework to secure possible funding.</li> <li>- LLO to provide an update on the BBNJ Agreement, particularly on the ratification process. For possible foreign funding.</li> <li>- Provide recommendations on the implementation of Sukat ng Kalikasan and which areas will be covered.</li> <li>- Submit the final list of "no-go" zones for mining in PAs.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Response to issues and concerns raised by legislators</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On the Proposed Lavezares Seaport within the Strict Protection Zone of the Biri Larosa Protected Landscape and Seascape raised by Hon. Paul Daza, BMB should set a concrete deadline of completion of the ongoing joint review and assessment on the proposed Lavezares Seaport within the SPZ of the Biri Larosa Protected Landscape and Seascape. The deadline must be included in the report to be submitted to Cong. Daza.</li> </ul>	<p>FMB and BMB</p> <p>BMB and FMB</p> <p>FMB</p> <p>LLO</p> <p>BMB</p> <p>BMB</p>	<p>within the week</p> <p>Friday (30 August 2024)</p> <p>Within the week (30 August 2024)</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>On the Proposed amendments to the ENIPAS Law (RA 11038) by Hon. Stella Luz Quimbo, the following directives were issued:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. OULA to submit/endorse the IRR review / legal recommendations of BMB re proposed amendments of ENIPAS to OSEC cc: OUSCLA and OUPPIA</li> <li>b. OUSCLA and OUPPIA to submit a summary and articulation of the proposed amendments of ENIPAS Law (RA 11038) to OSEC. Note that the powers of the Secretary per law must be used to full extent in the articulation.</li> <li>c. BMB, OUFOM, and OUFOLV, to assemble a group of ENP to conduct the review in the regions for check and balance. Group of ENPs (with a representative from the Regional Office) will review the PAMP. Note that respective regional groups cannot review PAMP under their jurisdiction.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>OULA, OUPPIA, OUFOM,OUFOLV, OUSCLA</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Forestry sector (Presented by Asec. Arleigh)</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Major Programs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Submit the breakdown of NGP Costs per activities (Plantation Establishment, Maintenance and Protection per year).</li> <li>- Revisit/Review and confirm the figures relative to the distance (kilometers) undertaken by forest rangers.</li> <li>- FMB to coordinate with WRMO on identifying the location of the Small Water Impounding System (SWIS) to consider factors such as but not limited to: existing DPWH Projects, Hydrology, reforestation areas, etc. FMB to also provide the costing per cubic meter of SWIS.</li> <li>- The command conference should be conducted in September 2024.</li> </ul>	<p>FMB</p> <p>FMB</p> <p>FMB</p> <p>FMB</p> <p>OUFOM, FMB</p>	

	<p><b>Catch-up Plan and Work Program for Q4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Convene and review (realign/reprogram) the 93 million CO-based funds for the ENGP funds to address congress minorities request for additional ENGP Sites.</li> <li>- Provide a list of requests from congressman minorities to OUFO.</li> <li>- Formulate/Draft guidelines for Forest Ranger qualifications and provide a standard contract of Forest Rangers to the Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs.</li> <li>- Include the strategies for the completion of the carbon policy framework project of ADB-UNDP-WB (<i>which was due last July</i>). FMB to provide an update to the Secretary on this ASAP.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Response to issues and concerns raised by legislators</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FMB to come up with deforestation rate data, pending US Forest Service (FS) Land Cover Analysis/ Land Monitoring System, in coordination with Philippine Space Agency (PhilSa).</li> <li>- Revisit the standard FLAG Agreement to address issues with regards to offshore projects.</li> <li>- Concerned Undersecretaries to finalize the review of the final draft of SFLMA.</li> <li>- USec CP David to share with the USCLA or LLO the analysis report of causes of flooding in Metro Manila to be included in the Compliance report for submission to Cong. Stella Quimbo</li> </ul>	<p>FMB</p> <p>FMB</p> <p>FMB</p> <p>UPPIA, UFISCC, ULA</p> <p>USCLA</p> <p>UIES</p>	<p>Friday (30 August 2024)</p>
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**Environment sector (presented by Asec. Caancan)**

**Major Programs**

- Provide the number of additional Air Quality Stations and Airsheds that are needed and include factors for site selection such as but not limited to: nearby active volcano, industrial area, etc. The areas covered by the NASA Study shall be considered.
- Convene a meeting with an internal and external expert group on what kind of Air Quality Stations to procure (to review the suggestion of Usec David).
- Confirm if the EMB-Air Quality Section has completed the entire map for air quality monitoring/airshed, and consult further for necessary procurement of equipment.
- Submit to OSEC the list of 44 priority rivers
- On policy formulation - review the proposed online accreditation for third-party source emission testing firms under Clean Air Regulation Policy Formulation. SENR is more keen on conducting evaluation rather than accreditation.
- EMB to conduct/prepare the following:
  - a. Submit to OSEC the costing for the Assessment Activities before declaration of Water Quality Management Area (WQMA);
  - b. Inventory of TSD Facilities including those in hospitals
  - c. Validate the actual operationalization of Septage Treatment Plant (STP) in El Nido, Palawan;
  - d. Identify areas without access to a Secured Landfill Facility (SLF) and Materials Recovery Facility (MRF);
  - e. EMB to prepare the data on fecal coliforms in priority rivers, recreational waters, and other water bodies (including Manila Bay) monitored nationwide; and

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	<p>f. Clarify the audited footprint and diversion data and indicate in the presentation which are the submitted audited footprint.</p> <p><b>Catch Up Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On the EPR Audit Report, <b>EMB to specify that the report is based on submitted self-audited footprints by the enterprises, hence the need for validation.</b></li> <li>- Coordinate with ERDB, LLDA, and Usec David regarding the formulation of a concept note for a competition focused on innovative uses of water lilies. The goal is to explore the potential for creating higher commercial value products such as oil, fertilizer, charcoal, biofuel, etc. (<i>instead of Manila Bay Coffee Table</i>).</li> <li>- Evaluate possible replication of the Estero Ranger Program to other concerned LGUs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Response to issues and concerns raised by legislators</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>On Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo's request for the list of quarry permits in Upper Marikina River Basin issued by the DENR for the last three years, EMB to review the timeline for the twenty-five (25) quarry projects with ECC issued in Upper Marikina River Basin prior to submission to Rep. Quimbo.</b></li> <li>- <b>On Rep. Stella Luz A. Quimbo's request for the list of canceled Environmental Compliance Certificates for illegal structures within the Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape, EMB to coordinate with MGB, OUFOLV, and Regional Offices, to update list of canceled ECC for illegal structures within the Upper Marikina River Basin Protected Landscape prior to</b></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">EMB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EMB, MGB, OUFOLV</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EMB</p>	
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	<p>submission to Rep. Quimbo.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>On Rep. Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr.'s request to Expedite the issuance of ECC for the quarrying projects that are already delayed within Batanes, EMB to coordinate with concerned offices with regards to the requests of Rep. Gato and Rep. Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas' on quarrying projects updates.</b></li> <li>- <b>On Rep. Yevgeny Vincente B. Emano's proposal to DBM to use the earmarked revenues to complete the construction of the EMB Regional Office 10 building - and for UFOM, FMS, and Region 10 to regroup and submit a proposal, EMB to conduct a structural assessment for the feasibility of the completion of DPWH's submitted design.</b></li> <li>- <b>On Hon. Marissa "Del Mar" P. Magsino's inquiry on the proposal for additional budget for Solid Waste Management, EMB to prepare a response on the appropriation of the FY 2025 for Solid Waste Management proposed budget.</b></li> <li>- EMB to coordinate with concerned offices to address the Documents/Actions Requested during the FY 2025 Budget Hearing on Committee on Appropriations House of Representatives.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Mining sector (presented by OIC Dir. Sandoval)</b></p>	<p><b>Major Programs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Submit the list of all the abandoned/inactive/closed mines with full details (including operators, areas covered, etc) as well as the report of the third-party to the OUEIS &amp; OUFO.</li> <li>- MGB to halt all related activities (i.e IEC) on the Rehabilitation of Abandoned Mines under Program 1:</li> </ul>	<p>MGB</p>	<p>Friday (30 August 2024)</p>

	<p>Mineral Resources Enforcement and Regulatory Program, pending further instructions from the Management from OUEIS &amp; OUFO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Remove the other abandoned/inactive/closed on the report as part of MGB's accomplishment.</li> <li>- Revise the report to include Mineral Reservation and Exploration Proposals under the Mining Industry Development Program.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Response to issues and concerns raised by legislators</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Coordinate with concerned offices to address the Documents/Actions Requested during the FY 2025 Budget Hearing of the DENR.</li> <li>- Bureaus to coordinate with each other in addressing cross cutting issues and concerns raised during the FY 2025 Budget Hearing</li> <li>- MGB to revise the updates to be submitted to Rep. Bernadette Herrera's Request on the Status of Guidelines on Offshore. MGB to update the Rep that <b>the DENR will complete the Policy Study on Offshore Mining.</b> MGB to remove the Annex indicated in the report to be submitted to HoR.</li> <li>- With regards to the concern on Policy on Offshore Wind development via mineral reservation areas, SENR reiterates the DENR's position on the matter that there is no prohibition against such development.</li> <li>- On the EODB concern, revise the updates under the streamlining of permitting process. Updates shall as follows: <b>The DENR-MGB conducted the review and streamlining of permitting process.</b> Remove in the update the mention of ARTA's involvement in the process.</li> </ul>	<p>MGB</p> <p>MGB</p> <p>All Bureaus</p> <p>MGB</p>	<p>Friday (30 August 2024)</p>
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The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM. The continuation of discussion of the Agenda items, concerning ERDB, LMB, and Other Matters: ENR Framework Plan and Natural Capital Accounting Updates indicated in the Notice of Meeting for EXECOM 2024-19 will be on 02 September 2024 (Monday).

**Prepared by:**

**Policy and Planning Service - Policy Studies Division**