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DENR SPECIAL ORDER NO. 2000 - 356

SUBJECT: Creation of a Special Validation Team to Conduct

In-depth Ground Validation on the Possibility of Reports Linking Leukemia-related Deaths and other Diseases as a Result of the Presence of Toxic Wastes on the residents of Clarkfield and

Subic.

In the interest of the service and in line with the Department's commitment to address environmental issues/concerns that may have a direct effect on the health of the concerned citizenry, a Special Validation Team is hereby created to conduct an in-depth validation relative to the above-mentioned subject, specifically, on the reported high rate of alleged leukemia-related deaths and other diseases in connection with the presence of toxic wastes within the vicinities of Clarkfield and Subic, to be composed of the following:

Dir. Wilfrido Pollisco -	Team	Leader
Members:		
Asst. Dir. Amando Dayrit	-	PAO
Fr. Alfredo Albor	-	SCO
Dr. Emmanuel Pilar	-	MD
4. Ms. Marlyn Lucban	-	RN
5. Ms. Mary Rebel Panganiban	_	RN
6. Ms. Mary Ann Fuentes	-	RN
7. Ms. Evelyn Garcia	-	Sociologist
8. Ms. Adelaida Balanza	-	Sociologist
9. Mr. Mike Cabalda	-	MGB
10.Ms. Amber Vallejos	-	EMB
11.Ms. Elizabeth Gran	-	OSEC
12.Ms. Princess Maam Tejano	-	OSEC
Dir. Peter Anthony Abaya	-	Adviser

The Team is tasked to immediately conduct an actual in-depth validation on the above subject and submit a report with recommendation to the undersigned as soon as possible.

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The OIC, Chief, GSD Central Office shall provide vehicles for use of the Team during the entire conduct of the validation. Regional Office and other field offices are hereby directed to extend full assistance to the Team, which may include boarding/lodging facilities, provision of gasoline and necessary equipment/instruments to ensure success in its mandated tasks.

Travel and other incidental expenses incurred in the discharge of the Team's functions shall be chargeable against their office's respective funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For immediate and strict compliance.

ANTONIO H. CERILLES

Secretary