

DENR Memorandum Circular
No. 27
May 26, 1994

**SUBJECT : Minimum Quality of Effluent Discharge Covered
by the Revised Effluent Regulations of 1990.**

Pursuant to Section 11 of DENR Administrative Order No. 35, Series of 1990 which empowers the Secretary to promulgate guidelines for the use of line agencies and the DENR Regional Offices providing for the maximum quantity of any pollutant or contaminant that may be allowed to be discharged into bodies of water for the protection of public health and aquatic resources, the applicability limit value of thirty (30) cubic meters as provided for in Tables 2A and 2B of the same DAO shall not apply to the following conditions:

- a. If the quality of the receiving body of water has consistently exceeded the water quality criteria set for Class "D" and Class "SD", for inland and marine waters, respectively, for at least six (6) months preceding the date in question;
- b. If the industrial establishment is within the catchment basin of a lake or a water body proclaimed by the DENR for rehabilitation under the Rivers Revival Program such as Pasig River, Tullahan-Tenejeros River, etc.;
- c. If the discharge is considered strong wastewater or that which has Biochemical Oxygen demand in the raw wastewater of at least 3,000 mg/L;
- d. If the discharge causes consistent deterioration of the receiving body of water with respect to its classification for at least one month singly or in combination with other discharges within the catchment; and

- e. If the receiving body of water is declared by the Department as non-suitable for any amount of discharge.

For strict compliance.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately. Quezon City, this 21 day of July 1994.

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