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SUBJECT : CLARIFICATION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RULES 13.8 AND 14.18 OF DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2005-10

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 9275 also known as the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004 and DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2005-10 or the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 9275, the following are the provisions of Rules 13.8 (Wastewater Charges in ECOZONE) and 14.8 (Pollution Sources Connected to Sewerage Systems) of DAO 2005-10:

1. The wastewater discharge fee shall be paid by the operator of the wastewater treatment plant (WTP) located within ECOZONES. Provided, that industries within ECOZONES that are not connected to the WTP shall be liable for the wastewater charges individually.
2. Pollution sources currently discharging to existing sewerage systems with operational wastewater treatment facilities shall be exempt from the permit requirement. Provided that, in the absence of, or pending the establishment of a sewerage system, pollution sources shall be covered by the permit requirement.

As such, the following are the clarification in the implementation of Rules 13.8 and 14.8 of DAO 2005-10:

- Water service providers, Economic Zones (ECOZONES), Business Districts, Industrial Estates and similar business parks shall put up adequate WTP, secure a Discharge Permit (DP), and pay the corresponding wastewater discharge fee.
- Malls and buildings that are not connected to centralized WTP are similarly required to put up their WTP and secure DP.
- Locators and establishments that are not connected to existing WTP are required to secure Discharge Permit (DP) individually and shall be liable for its wastewater charges.
- Locators and establishments/stores that are connected to existing WTP of ECOZONES and malls/buildings, respectively are exempted from securing DP. However, a certificate of interconnection/connection must be issued by the operator of the said WTP and said certificate must be submitted to the concerned EMB Regional Office.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

