

Republic of the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU DENR Compound, Jones St. Tacloban City, Philippines



NOTICE OF VIOLATION

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DENR-PAB Case No. 08-000169-21-W

NATIONAL GRID CORPORATION OF THE PHILS (NGCP)

ORMOC CONVERTER STATION

Brgy. Milagro, Ormoc City, Leyte

Thru:

ROBIN GARRY A. BALDOMAR

Pollution Control Officer

RELEASED BY:

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Sir/Madame:

This notice is being served upon you for alleged violation of R.A 9275 otherwise known as the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004, based upon the desk review/evaluation conducted by the Clearance and Permitting Division – Air Water Permitting Section (CPD-AWPS) last 10 November 2021, on your online renewal application for wastewater Discharge Permit filed last 29 October 2021.

ACTS CONSTITUTING THE VIOLATION

Finding/s	Prohibited Act/s
Operating a facility that discharges regulated water pollutants without the valid required wastewater Discharge Permit, since 18 August 2021.	Violation of Section 27 (c) of R.A 9275 in relation to Section 28 of the same Act, and in relation further to Pollution Adjudication Board Resolution No. 01, Series of 2019.

Pursuant to Pollution Adjudication Board Resolution No. 02, Series of 2020, otherwise known as the Interim Guidelines of the Pollution Adjudication Board during the Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19, you are hereby required to explain in writing, duly subscribed before a Notary Public, within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof, your defense/position to the alleged violation which is punishable by a fine of Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P19,500.00) for every year of violation of the above cited prohibited act and to show cause why no Order should be issued against you, directing immediate cessation of the project operation

Please submit a hard copy of your written explanation to this Office, as well as an electronic copy of the same to embr8_records@emb.gov.ph, copy furnished legalunitembr8@gmail.com, to expedite the submission.

Please be informed that failure to submit the position paper on or before the period prescribed above shall mean a waiver of your right to contest the findings of the report and present evidence on your defense and the case may be decided based on evidence on record.

Please be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,

ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA OIC-Regional Director



Republic of the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU

Regional Office No. VIII

DENR Compound, Jones St., Tacloban City, Philippines



FOR

THE DIVISION CHIEF

Clearance and Permitting Division

FROM

THE UNDERSIGNED STAFF

Air & Wastewater Permitting Section

SUBJECT

DESK REVIEW REPORT INVOLVING THE

NGCP- ORMOC CONVERTER STATION LOCATED AT

BRGY. MILAGRO, ORMOC CITY, LEYTE

DATE

10 NOVEMBER 2021

BACKGROUND/ PROCEEDINGS

On 29 OCTOBER 2021, NGCP- ORMOC CONVERTER STATION filed an online application (Application No.150138) for the renewal of its Wastewater Discharge Permit. This desk review report was prepared on 10 November 2021 for the purpose of issuance of Notice of Violation for the said firm.

FINDINGS/OBSERVATIONS

Based on the aforementioned application, the following findings were observed:

- NGCP- ORMOC CONVERTER STATION has been issued a Discharge Permit on 17 August 2020, with Permit No. DP-R08-20-03412 which was only valid until 17 August 2021. Copy of the said discharge permit is attached:
- NGCP- ORMOC CONVERTER STATION is represented by ROBIN GARRY A. BALDOMAR (09178096139) as the Pollution Control Officer;
- Apparently, NGCP- ORMOC CONVERTER STATION has been in operation without a valid Discharge Permit since 18 August 2021;

REMARKS

- Section 14 of Republic Act No. 9275 or the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004 provides that the Department shall require owners or operators of facilities that discharge regulated effluents pursuant to the same Act to secure a permit to discharge;
- In relation thereto, Rule 14.1 of DENR Administrative Order No. 2005-10
 explicitly provides that any person that shall discharge in any manner into
 Philippine Waters and/or Land shall secure a Discharge Permit;
- 3. This is further reiterated in a Memorandum dated 20 June 2018 issued by the EMB Director which clarifies that in the implementation and issuance of

Discharge Permits, all establishments must secure a Discharge Permit regardless of volume of wastewater.

- One of the Permit Conditions provided for under the expired Discharge Permit issued to NGCP- ORMOC CONVERTER STATION requires the permit holder to renew the discharge permit at least one (1) month before expiry date;
- Paragraph (c) of Section 27, R.A 9275 or the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004 prohibits the operation of facilities which discharges regulated water pollutants without the valid required permits, as in this case, the Wastewater Discharge Permit;
- Any establishment found to have violated the foregoing provisions shall be liable under Section 28 of Republic Act 9275, in relation to Pollution Adjudication Board Resolution No. 01, Series of 2019.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- To issue a Notice of Violation against NGCP- ORMOC CONVERTER STATION for operating without a valid Discharge Permit, in violation of Paragraph (c), Section 27 of R.A 9275 which, IF found guilty, shall be liable under Section 28 of R.A 9275, in relation to Pollution Adjudication Board Resolution No. 01, Series of 2019;
- Pursuant to PAB Resolution No. 01-2019, to defer from the issuance of a Discharge Permit until resolution of the case or payment of the corresponding fine, if warranted;
- 3. For further appropriate actions as may be determined after due process.

Reviewed by:

MARIA MAXILE G. AMESCUA

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Concurred by

HENNENCY C HAYAG PME

OIC-Chief, AWPS

Approved by:

MARIBEL B. MUNSAYAC

Chief, CPD

Noted by:

REYNALDO B. BARRA, PME

OIC-Regional Director

