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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU
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Dear **Mayor Graza**,

Environmental Greetings!

This has reference to LGU Balangiga's **Sanitary Landfill and Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)** in **Brgy. Rawis** which were monitored by personnel from this Office for the purpose of evaluating the status of the facilities' operation. The inspectors noted the following, to wit:

1. The SLF is already operational;
2. There were waste materials dumped outside the SLF cell. These were noted along the access road going to the cell at the eastern portion of the SLF compound. There were also waste materials just outside the MRF;
3. The Materials Recovery Facility was not fully operational;
4. The roll-up doors were already damaged;
5. Electricity was not available;
6. SWM equipment were not yet used; and
7. Selling of recyclables is being done at the MRF, however, there was no record on the quantity of recyclables sold and the amount of income generated.

In view of these findings, you are hereby advised to implement the following:

1. Ensure that the SLF operation is consistent with DENR Administrative Order No. 10 series of 2006 regarding the Guidelines on the Categorized Final Disposal Facilities (Sanitary Landfills);
2. Clear/remove the waste materials outside the SLF cell and properly dispose them at the cell.
3. Fully operationalize the MRF;
4. Undertake the necessary repairs of the facility;
5. Install electricity so that the SWM equipment will be operationalized; and
6. Provide a logbook/records system in the MRF. The quantity of recyclables received and its sales should be recorded.

Moreover, please be reminded to comply with the other mandatory requirements of **RA 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000**, namely: **3Rs, composting, recycling**, and **proper operationalization of barangay MRFs**.

Please inform us of any update on your compliance to the aforementioned recommendations.

Thank you, more power and God bless.

Very truly yours,

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