




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU
Regional Office VIII, Tacloban City

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HON. LUZ C. PONFERRADA
Municipal Mayor
Basey, Samar

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: 2/15/2022
TIME: 11:46am

Dear Mayor Ponferrada:

We are providing you again the following results of our continuing monitoring of the recreational waters in your municipality under our Priority/Other Recreational Water. The monitored recreational water is Balantak Falls located at Basey, Samar.

Sampling Date	Stations	Concentration (MPN/100 mL)	
		Fecal Coliform	DENR Standard for Classified SB waters
July 2021	Balantak Falls Station 1 Downstream	$>1.6 \times 10^4$	100
	Balantak Falls Station 2 Midstream	61	
	Balantak Falls Station 3 Upstream	30	
August 2021	Balantak Falls Station 1 Downstream	16×10^3	
	Balantak Falls Station 2 Midstream	790	
	Balantak Falls Station 3 Upstream	13×10^2	
September 2021	Balantak Falls Station 1 Downstream	630	
	Balantak Falls Station 2 Midstream	790	
	Balantak Falls Station 3 Upstream	1.3×10^3	
October 2021	Balantak Falls Station 1 Downstream	700	
	Balantak Falls Station 2 Midstream	490	
	Balantak Falls Station 3 Upstream	230	
November 2021	Balantak Falls Station 1 Downstream	2.4×10^3	
	Balantak Falls Station 2 Midstream	5.4×10^3	
	Balantak Falls Station 3 Upstream	1.6×10^4	
December 2021	Balantak Falls Station 1 Downstream	180	
	Balantak Falls Station 2 Midstream	180	
	Balantak Falls Station 3 Upstream	180	

In connection with the above monitoring results, we **reiterate** our recommendation that the Environmental or Sanitary Unit of your office shall identify the possible sources of high Fecal Coliform and require the identified source/s to construct treatment facility and to stop discharging untreated wastewater to the waterbodies. ***This is a recurring issue that needs to be addressed.*** As we all know, the Clean Water Act of 2004 (RA 9275)

provides that it is the role of the local government units to monitor the water quality of any waterbodies and implement measures to prevent and control water pollution.

Again, it is requested that the agency be informed of any actions that your office has undertaken which is relevant to the recommendations cited above.

We will highly appreciate your immediate action of the above matter.

Very truly yours,



ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA
OIC-Regional Director