



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU**  
Regional Office No. VIII  
DENR Compound, Jones St., Tacloban City, Philippines



**MEMORANDUM**

FOR : **MERLINDA R. MANILA**  
Head, DENR Action Center/Hotline  
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

FROM : **THE OIC- REGIONAL DIRECTOR**  
DENR-EMB Regional Office No. VIII

SUBJECT : **REFERENCE CODE NO. PCC-CYR-04-25-2022-196**  
**RE: FOLLOW-UP COMPLAINT EMAIL FROM MR.**  
**MARK CORZON AGAINST THE CONTINUOUS PIG**  
**FARMS OPERATIONS IN THEIR RESIDENTIAL**  
**AREAS IN BRGY. TABUNAN, ALMERIA, BILIRAN.**

DATE : **23 May 2022**

5/24/2022  
4:34pm

This is to respectfully inform your good office of the action taken by this Office in response to the complaints filed by Mr. Mark Corzon, endorsed on different dates.

In compliance with the DENR Action/Hotline Center first email endorsement, with Reference Code No. ACK2022309-03, of Mr. Mark Corzon's complaint dated 14 March 2022, an investigation was immediately conducted by the legal and technical personnel of this Office on **25 March 2022**. A letter<sup>1</sup> response was also sent to the complainant dated **21 March 2022**, acknowledging the receipt of his complaint and the possible date for the conduct of the investigation.

Moreover, the subject complaint was endorsed to the Local Government of Almeria Biliran in a letter<sup>2</sup> dated 04 May 2022 for possible regulatory concerns on the complained foul odor, which is a function delegated to and under the jurisdiction of the LGU of Almeria Biliran under the **Department Administrative Order 1992-30** and with the **Local Government Code**.

On **11 May 2022**, this Office sent a memorandum<sup>3</sup> addressed to the Head of the DENR Action Center/Hotline, which informs of the action taken by this Office in response to the complaint of Mr. Mark Corzon.

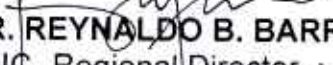

A letter<sup>4</sup> dated **11 May 2022** was also sent to Mr. Mark Corzon in response to his complaint filed before the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office, which forwarded the same complaint before this Office.

With respect to the follow-up complaint filed by the complainant on 16 May 2022, an investigation upon the same was likewise undertaken on **18 May 2022**. In a letter<sup>5</sup> dated **23 May 2022**, the complainant was informed of the receipt of his follow-up complaint and the subsequent investigation, informing him that the subject piggery was not covered under the Environmental Impact Statement System, a law mandated by this Office, and was not required to secure an Environmental Compliance Certificate. The concern, however, shall be conveyed to the Local Government of Almeria Biliran for potential regulatory concerns

regarding foul odor, health, and sanitation in the performance of the DENR's devolved functions.

For your information and reference.

Respectfully,

  
**ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA**  
OIC- Regional Director 

Copy furnished:

**THE PRESIDENTIAL COMPLAINT CENTER**  
PCC Code No. PCC-CYR-04-25-2022-196  
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**HEAD EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**  
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**THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR FIELD OPERATIONS AND ENVIRONMENT**  
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Metro Manila

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- <sup>1</sup> "Annex A"
  - <sup>2</sup> "Annex B"
  - <sup>3</sup> "Annex C"
  - <sup>4</sup> "Annex D"
  - <sup>5</sup> "Annex E"





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ANNEX "A"

21 March 2022

**MR. MARK CORZON**

Brgy. Tabunan, Almeria, Biliran

E-mail: [markcorzon22@yahoo.com](mailto:markcorzon22@yahoo.com)

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU  
RELEASED  
DATE: 3/24/2022  
4:20pm

Subject: **Complaint against the foul-smelling pig farm causing health and environmental hazards.**

Dear Sir:

Environmental Greetings!

This is to respectfully acknowledge the receipt of your e-mail complaint filed with the DENR Action/Hotline Center dated **14 March 2022**, which was endorsed to this Office last **16 March 2022**. The complaint involves the alleged foul-smelling piggery farm causing health and environmental hazards.

On the occasion of the same complaint, please be informed that legal and technical personnel from this Office were ordered to conduct the investigation and are set to conduct the same in the fourth week of March (22-25) 2022. The personnel responsible shall finalize the investigation report and submit the same for the proper disposition of this Office.

For inquiries and concerns, you may personally visit this Office located at the EMB Building, DENR Compound, Jones St. Tacloban City, Philippines, or call us at (053) 832-2319, e-mail address [embr8\\_records@emb.gov.ph](mailto:embr8_records@emb.gov.ph)

For your information and reference.

Respectfully,

  
**ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA**  
OIC- Regional Director

Copy furnished:

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PCC Code No. PCC-JCA-02-07-2022-110  
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Malacañang, Manila

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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU  
RELEASED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: 3-4-22  
TIME: 1:35

**HON. RICHARD D. JAGUROS**  
Municipal Mayor  
Municipality of Almeria  
Province of Biliran

Dear Hon. Jaguros,

Environmental Greetings!

This has reference to the attached letter-complaint dated **14 March 2022** by Mr. Mark Corzon against the alleged foul-smelling piggery farm causing health and environmental hazards located at Barangay Tabunan, Almeria, Biliran.

The subject matter of the complaint is most respectfully endorsed and brought to the attention of your office for potential regulatory concerns by the Local Government Unit of Almeria, over issues on foul odor, health, and sanitation affecting complainant and such other residents similarly situated.

Pursuant to **Paragraph 3.3, Item (b) and (c), Section 3 of DENR Administrative Order 1992-30**, in relation to **Section 17 of the Local Government Code**, the abatement of these concerns were expressly defined as a function delegated to and under the jurisdiction of the LGU concerned, it thus provides:

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**"Section 3. Devolved Functions, Programs, and Projects -**

Pursuant to Section 17 of the Code and subject to the provisions herein, particularly the policies enunciated in Section 1, above, the following functions, programs, and projects of the DENR are hereby devolved to the concerned LGU's:

**3.3 Environmental Management**

**(b) Implementation of solid waste disposal and other environmental management systems and services related to general hygiene and sanitation, such as sewage and household wastes disposal;**

**(c) Abatement of noise and other forms of nuisance as defined by law."**

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Similarly, the **General Welfare Clause<sup>1</sup> of the Local Government Code** empowers Local Government Units to ensure and support, among other things, the promotion of health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants.

Pursuant to the above provisions of law, the said complaint is most respectfully submitted to your end for your equal consideration and proper action. Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,

  
**ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA**  
OIC-Regional Director

Cc:

Mark Corzon  
Complainant, Brgy. Tabunan Almeria, Biliran

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<sup>1</sup> Section 16, Local Government Code R.A. 7160.





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Head, DENR Action Center/Hotline  
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

**FROM :** **THE OIC- REGIONAL DIRECTOR**  
DENR-EMB Regional Office No. VIII

**SUBJECT :** **RE: LETTER OF COMPLAINT FROM MR. MARK CORZON AGAINST A PIG FARM IN BRGY. TABUNAN, ALMERIA, BILIRAN CAUSING HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS IN THE AREA (REFERENCE CODE NO. ACK20220309-03)**

**DATE :** **11 May 2022**

This is to respectfully inform your good office of the action taken in response to the complaint of Mr. Mark Corzon, which was endorsed to this Office last **16 March 2022**, with reference code no. **ACK20220309-03**.

In accordance with the DENR Action/Hotline Center's email endorsement, an investigation into the matter was conducted last **25 March 2022** by the legal and technical personnel of this Office. While the problem includes a foul odor, it is likewise considered as a nuisance, the jurisdiction over which falls within the Local Government of Almeria Biliran, who performs the implementation of the devolved functions of the DENR. The same complaint was endorsed to the Local Government of Biliran in a letter<sup>1</sup> dated **04 May 2022**.

In addition, a similar complaint was made to the Local Government Unit of Almeria Biliran, and after consulting with the Municipal Health Officer (MHO), a resolution was made to resolve the issue to which the owner was to keep two (2) heads of pigs while the others (piglets) were to be disposed. Prior to the conduct of investigation, Mr. Mark Corzon was informed in a letter<sup>2</sup> dated **21 March 2022** of the receipt of the said complaint and the schedule of the conduct of investigation in action to his filed complaint.

For your information and reference.

  
**ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA**  
OIC- Regional Director

<sup>1</sup> Letter endorsement to the LGU of Almeria Biliran

<sup>2</sup> Letter response to Mr. Mark Corzon



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May 11, 2022

**MR. MARK CORZON**

Brgy. Tabunan, Almeria, Biliran

E-mail: [markcorzon22@yahoo.com](mailto:markcorzon22@yahoo.com)

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU  
RELEASED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: 5-13-2022  
TIME: 4:50 PM

Subject: **Complaint against the foul-smelling pig farm causing health and environmental hazards.**

Dear Sir:

Environmental Greetings!

This is to respectfully acknowledge the receipt of your letter complaint filed with the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office dated 18 April 2022, which was endorsed to this Office last 27 April 2022. The complaint involves the alleged foul-smelling piggery farm causing health and environmental hazards.

Please be informed that a similar complaint was endorsed to this Office by the DENR Action/Hotline Center last 16 March 2022, and in accordance with the email endorsement, an investigation into the matter was conducted last 25 March 2022 by the legal and technical personnel of this Office. While the problem includes a foul odor, it is likewise considered a nuisance, the jurisdiction over which falls within the Local Government of Almeria Biliran, which performs the implementation of the devolved functions of the DENR. The same complaint was endorsed to the Local Government of Biliran in a letter<sup>1</sup> dated 04 May 2022.

In addition, as the same complaint was filed to the Local Government Unit of Almeria Biliran, consultation with the Municipal Health Office (MHO) was likewise undertaken and according to the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Allan Corto, a resolution was made to resolve the issue to which the owner was to keep two (2) heads of pigs while the others (piglets) were to be disposed.

For your information and reference.

**ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA**  
OIC- Regional Director

Cc:

**VALIRE JESS D. ABAR**  
OIC-PENRO Biliran  
Brgy. Larrazabal, Naval, Biliran

<sup>1</sup> Annex "A" Letter endorsement to the LGU of Almeria Biliran





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ANNEX 'E'



23 May2022

**MR. MARK CORZON**

Brgy. Tabunan, Almeria, Biliran

E-mail: [markcorzon22@yahoo.com](mailto:markcorzon22@yahoo.com)

Subject: **Complaint against the continuous pig farms operations in Brgy. Tabunan, Almeria, Biliran.**

Dear Sir:

Environmental Greetings!

This is to respectfully acknowledge the receipt of your e-mail complaint dated 16 May 2022 filed with the Presidential Complaint Center, endorsed to the Head Executive Assistant, and further conveyed to the DENR Action/Hotline Center.

Please be informed that the legal and technical personnel from this Office conducted an investigation upon the same follow-up complaint last 18 May 2022. A courtesy meeting with the Local Government of Almeria Biliran was held to confirm the municipality's classification and definition of a piggery farm. Upon perusal of the approved Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP), Section 16 of the same provides for the Use Regulations for Agricultural Zones, which permits the backyard raising of livestock, provided it shall only have a maximum of 10 heads.

According to the Plan, all livestock owners must provide and install a septic tank for their wastewater discharges. Upon inspection, it was discovered that the complained piggery owners keep at least ten (10) heads of pigs on average; however, they are situated in one common area because the majority of the owners are relatively related.

As provided under the **PD 1586** or the **Environmental Impact Statement System**, stocking population for piggery projects with less than or equal to 100 heads (pigs) is not covered by the law or not required to secure an Environmental Compliance (ECC). The Proponent, however, may opt to secure a Certificate of Non-Coverage from this Office.

In view of the foregoing, please be advised that the complained piggery owners are not covered and required to secure an ECC but may secure a Certificate of Non-Coverage at their option. The same complaint, however, shall be endorsed to the Local Government of Almeria Biliran for potential regulatory concerns over issues on foul odor, health, and sanitation in the performance of the devolved functions of the DENR.



For your information and reference.

Respectfully,

  
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