



17 January 2022

**HONORABLE GILBERT I. GO**

Municipal Mayor  
Giporlos, Eastern Samar

Dear **Mayor Go**:

This pertains to LGU Giporlos' disposal site in **Brgy. 07, Giporlos, Eastern Samar** which is a subject of a complaint lodged before the **Environmental Management Bureau Region 8 (EMB R8)** by a certain Concerned Giporlosanon for allegedly violating **RA 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000**.

In response to the complaint, technical personnel from EMB R8 conducted an investigation on December 21, 2021 which revealed that LGU Giporlos has indeed violated the law by failing to implement closure and rehabilitation of the site and by continually using it as an open dumpsite.

Please note that pursuant to **Section 37 of RA 9003**, open dumpsites should have been phased out by year 2004, henceforth, the operation of said type of disposal is **illegal**.

EMB R8 has extended technical assistance and has issued numerous written reminders and advisories regarding this matter – most of these took place in 2018 and 2019 when the **Environmental Ombudsman** directed EMB R8 to undertake regular monitoring of the dumpsite.

From the foregoing, it is evident that sufficient time was already given to LGU Giporlos to stop operating and rehabilitate its open dumpsite. Respondent failed and continues to ignore the directives of EMB R8.

Relative thereto, you are hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE and DESIST** from operating the dumpsite. You are required to immediately undertake physical closure and rehabilitation measures such as *application of final soil cover, establishment of drainage canal for water run-off, installation of leachate and gas management systems, and prohibition of open burning*.

Failure to comply shall compel this Office to institute appropriate **legal actions pursuant to existing laws, rules and regulations on the matter**.

For strict compliance.

Very truly yours,

**TIRSO P. PARIAN, JR., CESO IX**  
Regional Executive Director

