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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU
RECEIVED
DATE: 5/24/2022
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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,


ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA
OIC- Regional Director

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