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Municipality of Hinundayan
Province of Southern Leyte

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU
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Madame,

Environmental Greetings!

We are writing upon the instance of a complaint against some barangays in the municipality of Hinundayan, Southern Leyte, who keeps on violating the Republic Act 9003, otherwise known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000. The complaint alleges improper solid waste management and problematic garbage disposal of undisciplined residents.

In response, please be informed that this Office has conducted investigations upon those identified barangays verifying whether they comply with the environmental laws implemented by this Office, particularly with the Republic Act 9003. As a result, various environmental preventative measures and the proper handling of waste generated were encouraged to the concerned local government officials, such as the conduct of regular clean-up drive activity, the segregation of waste, and the installation of trash cans in public areas.

Notwithstanding, the matter of the complaint is most respectfully brought to your attention for potential regulatory concerns over issues on the management and disposal of generated garbage or solid waste, the abatement of which is expressly defined as a function delegated to and under the jurisdiction of the LGU concerned, pursuant to **Paragraph 3.3, Item (b) and (c), Section 3 of DENR Administrative Order 1992-30** which provides that:

"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:

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(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."

Similarly, the **General Welfare Clause¹ of the Local Government Code** empowers Local Government Units to ensure and support, among other things,

¹ Section 16, Local Government Code R.A. 7160

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:

The Barangay Chairman
Barangay Bacolod, Hinundayan, Southern Leyte

The Barangay Chairman
Barangay Bugho, Hinundayan, Southern Leyte

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The Barangay Chairman
Barangay District II (Poblacion), Hinundayan, Southern Leyte