

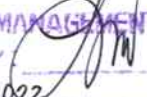


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**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU**  
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Dear **Honorable Rosal**,

Environmental Greetings!

This has reference to LGU Hinabangan's **Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)** in **Brgy. Rawis** which has been funded by this Office through a financial assistance in year 2019.

On 02 March 2022, personnel from this Office monitored the MRF in order to evaluate its operation. The inspectors noted the following, to wit:

1. At the time of inspection, the MRF was not operational;
2. Instead, the MRF was functioning as a Residuals Containment Area (RCA) since a heap of waste materials – mostly residuals, was found inside the MRF;
3. The equipment present in the MRF was not operational; and
4. Overall, the LGU has low compliance on the following mandatory components of RA 9003 or Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000:
  - a. Segregation-at-source
  - b. Segregated collection
  - c. Waste diversion rate

In view of these findings, you are hereby advised to implement the following:

1. Immediately operationalize the MRF as a storage for sorted recyclable materials;
2. Provide manpower to maintain and secure the MRF and to conduct the sorting and composting activities. Provide appropriate PPEs for them;
3. Provide labels for the compartments inside the MRF;
4. Provide an MRF logbook where the quantity of solid wastes received, stored, sold to junkshops and the amount of sales from selling the recyclables will be recorded. Use these data to calculate the actual waste diversion rate of the LGU;
5. Establish an RCA for the temporary storage of residual wastes while access to a Sanitary Landfill is still unavailable;
6. Operationalize the equipment at the MRF in order to enhance the waste diversion rate; and
7. Strictly implement segregation-at-source and segregated collection.

Moreover, please be reminded to comply with the other mandatory requirements of **RA 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000**, namely: **3Rs, composting, recycling**, and **proper operationalization of barangay MRFs**, and **establishment of a Sanitary Landfill**.

Thank you and stay safe. God bless.

Very truly yours,

  
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