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HONORABLE PELAGIO R. TECSON JR.
Municipal Mayor
Tanuana, Leyte

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU 8
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Dear **Mayor Tecson**:

Warmest Greetings!

This is in connection to the inspection conducted by EMB 8 technical personnel at the LGU's disposal site in **Brgy. Sto. Niño Poblacion (Haclagan)**. The inspection was undertaken to validate the status of the disposal site and whether the activities in the Safe Closure and Rehabilitation Plan (SCRП) have been implemented.

Based on the result of said inspection, the site is still being used as dumpsite and this is a violation of **Sec. 37 of RA 9003 (Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000)**, which requires the total closure of all open and controlled dumpsites.

Hence, the following are the recommended activities to be undertaken by LGU Tanauan, to wit:

1. To immediately close and rehabilitate the dumpsite consistent with **DENR Administrative Order 09 series 2006 (General Guidelines in the Closure and Rehabilitation of Open Dumpsites and Controlled Dump Facilities)**, which the activities to be undertaken are indicated in the SCRП;
2. To immediately remove makeshift huts at the site;
3. Prohibit waste pickers to recover waste materials right at the dumpsite;
4. To compact dumped waste and stabilize slope, and apply soil covering to the dumped waste;
5. To strengthen the implementation of segregation-at-source and segregated collection;
6. To fast track the application of Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) to start development of the Municipal Sanitary Landfill; and
7. To submit to this Office a **Progress Report** on the closure of said dumpsite and disposal system.

Furthermore, please note that pursuant to **Section 52** of the same law, appropriate **civil, criminal or administrative action** may be filed against any person, agency, or public officer who willfully or grossly neglects the performance of this Act. Hence, failure to close and rehabilitate your open dumpsite will constrain this Office to take appropriate actions in accordance with the provisions of RA 9003.

Thank you, more power and God Bless.

Very truly yours,

ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA
OIC - Regional Director

