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**HONORABLE ROBERTO A. LOQUINTE**  
Municipal Mayor  
Anahawan, Southern Leyte



Dear **Mayor Loquinte**,

Environmental Greetings!

This has reference to your **10-Year Solid Waste Management Plan** which is already **approved** by the **National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC)** and the **Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)** in Brgy. Lo-ok which has been funded by this Office through a financial assistance back in 2018. Relevant to these, personnel from this Office visited your municipality to monitor the implementation status of your approved plan as well as the operation of the MRF.

In view of the findings obtained during the monitoring, the undersigned is advising you to undertake the following activities in order to further enhance your SWM implementation:

1. Resume the SWM-related activities which have been temporarily stopped due to Typhoon Odette;
2. Sustain the implementation of "*No Segregation, No Collection*" policy;
3. Collect common special wastes such as busted bulbs, toxic chemical containers, batteries, etc. from the barangays and other waste sources;
4. Fast track the installation of electric line at the Central MRF so that the SWM equipment will be operationalized, thus increasing the waste diversion rate. Also, the LGU should strategize other activities/programs that would process the residual wastes with potential for diversion;
5. Establish a residuals containment area (RCA) where residual wastes will be temporarily stored while an SLF is still unavailable;
6. The MRF has to be utilized for materials recovery through sorting, storage, recycling and selling of recyclables to junkbuyers;
7. Construct a fence around the MRF considering that there is already an ongoing construction of a house proximate to it. Also, the fence would secure the facility and prevent entry of unauthorized individuals and stray animals; and
8. Fast track the development of a Sanitary Landfill for the final disposal facility of residual wastes.

Please inform us of any update on your compliance to the aforementioned recommendations.

Thank you, more power and God bless.

Very truly yours,

  
**ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA**  
OIC - Regional Director