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**HONORABLE MARIA OFELIA O. ALCANTARA, MD, MPH**  
Municipal Mayor  
Tolosa, Leyte

Dear **Mayor Alcantara**,

Environmental Greetings!

This pertains to the municipal disposal site in Brgy. Canmugsay, Tolosa, Leyte which was monitored by personnel from this Office on January 21, 2022 in order to assess its status. The inspectors noted the following:

1. The closure and rehabilitation of the disposal site was not sustained. Unsegregated waste materials were dumped at the site;
2. Though there was evidence of previous soil cover application for the old wastes, the newly-dumped wastes remain exposed. The LGU does not apply soil cover on a regular basis;
3. The old wastes were already compacted however, there were new piles of wastes that were not compacted;
4. There was no peripheral canals or ditches constructed around the site to divert runoff;
5. There was no installation of collection of pipes to collect leachate generated from the waste piles. There was no leachate collection pond as well;
6. There were no gas vents installed at the site;
7. The dumpsite is fully-fenced with G.I. sheets. There were no wastepickers however, cows and goats were grazing at the site; and
8. There was no sign installed.

In view of the aforementioned findings and in order to comply with **Section 37 of RA 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000** which prohibits the use of open dumpsite since year 2004, you are hereby advised to undertake the following measures:

1. LGU Tolosa must close and rehabilitate the open dumpsite by implementing religiously its Safe Closure and Rehabilitation Plan (SCRП). In doing so, the findings mentioned above will be addressed;
2. Establish a Residuals Containment Area (RCA) for the temporary storage of residual wastes;

3. To minimize the amount of solid waste that need to be disposed, the LGU must strictly implement the requirements of RA 9003 to wit:
  - 3.1 Segregation-at-Source & Segregated Collection;
  - 3.2 Composting and recycling; and
  - 3.3 Operationalization of barangay and central MRFs.
4. Procure SWM equipment to process wastes; and
5. Fast-track the establishment of a Sanitary landfill.

Please submit to this Office a report on your actions taken regarding this matter.

Please note that this Office shall conduct regular monitoring of LGU Tolosa's compliance to the provisions of RA 9003.

Thank you and more power.

Very truly yours,

  
**ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA**  
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