



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU
Regional Office No. VIII
DENR Compound, Jones St., Tacloban City, Philippines



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **MERLINDA R. MANILA**
Head, DENR Action Center/Hotline
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

FROM : **THE OIC- REGIONAL DIRECTOR**
DENR-EMB Regional Office No. VIII

SUBJECT : **RE: LETTER OF COMPLAINT FROM MR. MARK CORZON AGAINST A PIG FARM IN BRGY. TABUNAN, ALMERIA, BILIRAN CAUSING HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS IN THE AREA (REFERENCE CODE NO. ACK20220309-03)**

DATE : **11 May 2022**

This is to respectfully inform your good office of the action taken in response to the complaint of Mr. Mark Corzon, which was endorsed to this Office last **16 March 2022**, with reference code no. **ACK20220309-03**.

In accordance with the DENR Action/Hotline Center's email endorsement, an investigation into the matter was conducted last **25 March 2022** by the legal and technical personnel of this Office. While the problem includes a foul odor, it is likewise considered as a nuisance, the jurisdiction over which falls within the Local Government of Almeria Biliran, who performs the implementation of the devolved functions of the DENR. The same complaint was endorsed to the Local Government of Biliran in a letter¹ dated **04 May 2022**.

In addition, a similar complaint was made to the Local Government Unit of Almeria Biliran, and after consulting with the Municipal Health Officer (MHO), a resolution was made to resolve the issue to which the owner was to keep two (2) heads of pigs while the others (piglets) were to be disposed. Prior to the conduct of investigation, Mr. Mark Corzon was informed in a letter² dated **21 March 2022** of the receipt of the said complaint and the schedule of the conduct of investigation in action to his filed complaint.

For your information and reference.


ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA
OIC- Regional Director

¹ Letter endorsement to the LGU of Almeria Biliran

² Letter response to Mr. Mark Corzon



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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU
RELEASED BY: _____
DATE: 1-4-2022
TIME: 1:05 P

HON. RICHARD D. JAGUROS
Municipal Mayor
Municipality of Almeria
Province of Biliran

Dear Hon. Jaguros,

Environmental Greetings!

This has reference to the attached letter-complaint dated **14 March 2022** by Mr. Mark Corzon against the alleged foul-smelling piggery farm causing health and environmental hazards located at Barangay Tabunan, Almeria, Biliran.

The subject matter of the complaint is most respectfully endorsed and brought to the attention of your office for potential regulatory concerns by the Local Government Unit of Almeria, over issues on foul odor, health, and sanitation affecting complainant and such other residents similarly situated.

Pursuant to **Paragraph 3.3, Item (b) and (c), Section 3 of DENR Administrative Order 1992-30**, in relation to **Section 17 of the Local Government Code**, the abatement of these concerns were expressly defined as a function delegated to and under the jurisdiction of the LGU concerned, it thus provides:

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"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:

3.3 Environmental Management

(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."

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

Mark Corzon
Complainant, Brgy. Tabunan Almeria, Biliran

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

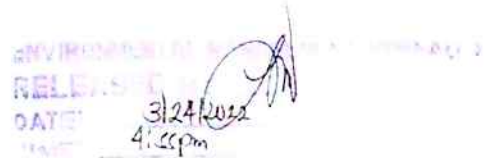


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21 March 2022

MR. MARK CORZON
Brgy. Tabunan, Almeria, Biliran
E-mail: markcorzon22@yahoo.com



Subject: Complaint against the foul-smelling pig farm causing health and environmental hazards.

Dear Sir:

Environmental Greetings!

This is to respectfully acknowledge the receipt of your e-mail complaint filed with the DENR Action/Hotline Center dated **14 March 2022**, which was endorsed to this Office last **16 March 2022**. The complaint involves the alleged foul-smelling piggery farm causing health and environmental hazards.

On the occasion of the same complaint, please be informed that legal and technical personnel from this Office were ordered to conduct the investigation and are set to conduct the same in the fourth week of March (22-25) 2022. The personnel responsible shall finalize the investigation report and submit the same for the proper disposition of this Office.

For inquiries and concerns, you may personally visit this Office located at the EMB Building, DENR Compound, Jones St. Tacloban City, Philippines, or call us at (053) 832-2319, e-mail address embr8_records@emb.gov.ph.

For your information and reference.

Respectfully,


ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA
OIC- Regional Director

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