

April 13, 2022

Hon. Gilbert I. Go Municipal Mayor of Giporlos Province of Eastern Samar RELEASED 18Y / M DATE: 8:2500

Dear Hon. Go:

Environmental Greetings!

This has reference to the site validation conducted on March 23, 2022 by our EMB Technical Staff relative to the status of compliance to proper waste management particularly on the issued CDO by this office for your municipal open dumpsite located in Brgy. 7, Giporlos, Eastern Samar. The following are the findings and observations, to wit:

- LGU still operates an open dumpsite of unsegregated/mixed wastes (i.e. plastic, glass, cartoon, etc.) located at Brgy. 7, Giporlos, Eastern Samar. Likewise, openly dumped mixed solid wastes scattered everywhere along the area of the dumpsite were also observed.
- The LGU has a Residual Containment Area (RCA) at the site, however, the facility was not properly managed, mixed wastes were observed inside the facility (i.e plastic, glass, cartoon etc.).
- 3. No Central MRF and no MRF at the Barangay levels.
- 4. The LGU has been awarded with one (1) unit Bio-composter, but not yet operational due to insufficient power supply. The equipment is temporarily kept in front of the Municipal Building uncovered, exposed to rain or shine.
- The establishment of the proposed SLF was not pursued due to the unavailability of a lot area.
- During validation, the Tarpaulin for CDO posted at the entrance of the dumpsite was already removed and the gate was opened thereby allowing easy access to vehicles (both the municipal truck & a motorcycle) carrying the collected waste to be dumped at the site

Section 37 of RA 9003 states that "no open dumps shall be established and operated, nor any practice or disposal of solid waste by any person, including LGUs, which constitutes the use of open dumps for solid wastes, is allowed.".

Further, please be reminded that a Cease and Desist Order (CDO) has already been served to the above dumpsite last February 03, 2022.

In view hereof, we would like to invite you to attend a Virtual Technical Conference (TC) on <u>April 27, 2022</u> at <u>I:30</u> A.M./<u>P.M.</u> to rectify the said non-compliances. A link will be sent to you before the scheduled TC once your official email address will be received by this Office through embr8_records@emb.gov.ph.

Please be reminded that non-compliance with the above-stated recommendations can be considered as a violation of the provisions under *RA 9003, "Ecological Solid Waste Management Act"*.

For strict compliance.

Respectfully yours,

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