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HONORABLE FRANCES ANN B. PETILLA
Municipal Mayor
Palo, Leyte

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Dear **Mayor Petilla**,

Warmest Greetings!

Stipulated in **Section 37 of Republic Act 9003** also known as “**Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000**” is the prohibition of the use of open dumpsites since 2004.

In line with this, RA 9003 prescribed that sanitary landfill sites (SLFs) shall be developed and operated as final disposal sites for residual wastes and treated special wastes of a municipality or city or a cluster of municipalities and/or cities. Moreover, SLFs shall be designed and operated in accordance with the guidelines set under Sections 40 and 41 of this Act.

At present, there are eleven operational SLFs in Region 8 and several other LGUs are already in the initial or preparatory stage of SLF development.

The provision of technical assistance to LGUs on the development and operationalization of SLFs is part of this Office’s mandate. Anent to this, this Office is initiating the **Training on Sanitary Landfill Construction and Operation** on **May 4-6, 2022** at the **Madison Park Hotel, Manlurip, San Jose, Tacloban City**. The following are the objectives of the training, to wit:

1. To clearly define the role of LGUs on the establishment and operation of SLF;
2. For the participants to appreciate the importance of careful preparation prior to SLF construction;
3. To provide inputs on the features of a sound SLF design, construction and operation; and
4. To discuss observations and insights after an actual site visit to an operational SLF.

In view of the fourth objective, the undersigned is respectfully requesting the good Mayor for permission to visit the SLF of LGU Palo in Brgy. San Jose on May 6, 2022. The site visit to your SLF would contribute greatly to the success of the training.

Hence, this letter serves as an invitation for two participants from your LGU particularly those who are involved in SLF development/operation. This Office shall shoulder their meals and accommodation.

For related queries, kindly contact **Ms. Reggie A. Urmeneta**, Chief, SWM Section at mobile no. 09269508684.

Thank you very much for your usual cooperation.

Stay safe and God bless.

Very truly yours,

ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA
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