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Mayor  
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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU 3  
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Dear **Honorable Arevalo**,

Greetings!

This Office received a resolution from your Sanggunian Bayan requesting an update on LGU Palompon's compliance to Republic Act 9003 specifically Section 37 of RA 9003 which is the closure of open dumpsites. Said Sanggunian Bayan resolution states that the Office of the SB received several reports that the LGU thru the Municipal Environment and Eco-Tourism Office (MEETO) is still collecting unsegregated waste and practice open dumping at the Eco-SWM Park located at Sitio Awo, Brgy. Cantandoy, Palompon, Leyte.

Please be informed that technical personnel from this Office recently conducted validation regarding the above-mentioned issue. During the validation, it was found out that LGU Palompon is currently utilizing a portion of the Eco-SWM Park for disposal of collected wastes. The following were observed during the inspection:

- A. Two dumping areas were noted:
  - a) Western portion of the park (mostly non-biodegradable wastes)
  - b) Northeastern portion of the park (mostly biodegradable wastes).
- B. There is an on-going soil covering of exposed wastes at the western portion of the site. On the other hand, dumped wastes at the northeastern portion of the area was covered with *luna*.

With this, the Municipal Government of Palompon is strictly advised to implement the following measures:

1. To immediately stop open dumping of wastes in the area.
2. Immediate soil covering of the entire active area at the western portion of the park.
3. Immediate establishment of Residual Containment Area (RCA) for storage of residual wastes. The most upper portion, northeast of the eco-park (back of the MRF building) is recommended for RCA.
4. Fastrack/prioritize the repair of the composters and other equipment at the Central MRF.
5. To address the accumulated biodegradable wastes at the northeastern portion of the site, recycle the waste by placing it in long rows and processing the same through windrow composting (It is still best to process the biowaste through the use of biocomposter once the equipment is available).
6. Prioritize the development of Sanitary Landfill for final disposal of residual wastes.
7. Compel the barangays and other waste sources to strictly implement segregation at source and segregated collection.

For your guidance and strict compliance.

Very truly yours,

  
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