



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU
Regional Office No. VIII
DENR 8 Compound, Brgy. 2, Jones Extension, Tacloban City
Telefax: (053) 832-1088
Email: r8support@emb.gov.ph swms.embro8@gmail.com
Website: r8.emb.gov.ph



07 February 2022

HONORABLE RODOLFO J. ESPINA, JR.
Municipal Mayor
Kawayan, Biliran

Dear Mayor Espina,

Environmental Greetings!

This has reference to the recent monitoring conducted by personnel from this Office on LGU Kawayan's implementation of approved **10-Year Solid Waste Management Plan**.

The monitoring team observed that some of the strategies listed in the plan are being implemented, however there are still other activities that need to be undertaken. Based on the observations, the following are the inspection team's recommendations:


1. Cease dumping of waste at the adjacent area of Central Materials Recovery Facility (CMRF) and make use of the Residual Containment Area (RCA) intended for the temporary storage of residual waste collected. Moreover, close and rehabilitate the area;
2. Strengthen the implementation of waste reduction programs. Continue IEC to all stakeholders with regards to the SWM programs being organized by the municipality;
3. Strengthen its enforcement and implementation of segregated collection, hence, the municipal government should deputize enforcers in the barangays and mobilize them in the monitoring of implementation of provisions and mandates of RA 9003;
4. Strengthen the implementation of recycling and composting;
5. Initiate activities for the LGU's constituents on recycling program that would be beneficial not only in terms of reducing the quantity of disposed wastes but also, in terms of livelihood programs;
6. Fast track the procurement of SWM equipment indicated in the approved SWM plan to process not just the residual wastes but also recyclable wastes. From these activities, the LGU should formulate projects/programs that would turn these wastes into another product for revenue;
7. Hire personnel to be assigned at the Municipal MRF for the operationalization and maintenance of the facility;
8. Fast track the development of a categorized waste disposal facility;
9. Fast track the construction of a septic vault so that collected special wastes will be properly stored;
10. Fast track the approval of MENRO as permanent position in the local government; and
11. Keep a logbook or record book of quantity of waste received and processed to determine whether the LGU is on track in the attainment of its waste diversion targets.

In this connection, please be advised to fast track the implementation of these remaining activities that are yet to be undertaken.

Please inform us of any update on your compliance to the aforementioned recommendations.

Thank you and more power.

Very truly yours,


ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA
OIC - Regional Director

