



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



25 January 2021

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8888 CITIZEN'S COMPLAINT CENTER

Office of the Executive Secretary
J. P. Laurel St. San Miguel, Manila
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Dear **Sir/Madame**,

Environmental Greetings!

This has reference to a complaint filed with the 8888 Citizen's Complaint Center, with **Ticket Reference No. W20220119-824-45**, seeking to answer or clarify whether an Appointee of the President, issued with the corresponding Assumption to Duty, may report to the position appointed without a Special Order and Installation from the Regional Office.

Based upon a careful reading of the issues presented, the matter appears to require the application of the existing rules and regulations on Appointments and Designations under the Civil Service Commission and such all other relevant rules and regulations not otherwise falling under the jurisdiction of the Environmental Management Bureau. As such, the undersigned would like to refrain from offering comments and opinion on the matter.

As the Chief, Finance and Administrative Division of the EMB Regional Office VIII, however, allow me to limit the statements on a few **factual matters**, based on the records of this Office, for your reference and information, to wit:

1. On **21 July 2021**, in view of the retirement of then Regional Director Letecia R. Maceda, the EMB Central Office, thru Director William P. Cuñado, issued **EMB Special Order No. 2021-217**, designating Chief, Environmental Management Specialist, **ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA** as **OIC- Regional Director** of the **EMB Regional Office No. VIII**, effective **22 July 2021**.

2. On **15 November 2021**, the President, Rodrigo R. Duterte, issued a direct appointment in favor of **MS. MARIBEL B. MUNSAYAC**, as **Director II, Environmental Management Bureau**. The appointment paper reads:

"Madam:

Pursuant to the provisions of existing laws, you are hereby appointed **DIRECTOR II, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**, *vice* Letecia R. Maceda

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Signed
Rodrigo R. Duterte"

3. On **24 November 2021**, the **HON. ROY A. CIMATU**, Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, issued **Special Order No. 2021-675**, affirming **EMB Special Order No. 2021-217** dated **21 July 2021**, designating Chief, EMS, **ENGR. REYNALDO B.**

BARRA as OIC- Regional Director of the EMB Regional Office No. VIII.

4. On **29 November 2021**, **Dir. Maribel B. Munsayac** took her oath of office before the Secretary of the DENR.

5. On **01 December 2021**, the DENR Secretary issued a Certification of Assumption to Duty, which reads as follows:

"xxx

This is to certify that Ms. **Mr. Maribel B. Munsayac** has assumed the duties and responsibilities as **Director II** of the **Environmental Management Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources**, effective **01 December 2021**.

xxx"

6. In a Memorandum dated **01 December 2021** from the Director, EMB to the OIC- Regional Director, EMB Regional Office No. VIII, the original copy of the Appointment Paper, Oath of Office and Certification of Assumption to Duty effective 01 December 2021 of Ms. Maribel B. Munsayac as Director II (*vice Letecia R. Maceda*) of Environmental Management Bureau Region VIII were transmitted **for the information and appropriate action** of this Office.

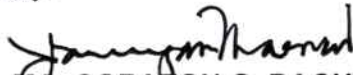
7. Thereafter, and up until this writing, the DENR or the EMB Central Office is yet to issue a subsequent order/written directive assigning **Director Maribel B. Munsayac** as Regional Director of **EMB Regional Office No. VIII** or of any other EMB Regional Office, nor an order/written directive is issued to **ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA** ordering the latter to vacate the position of OIC-Regional Director, and providing for his place/office of assignment, other than the OIC-Regional Director, EMB Regional Office No. VIII.

Considering that the authority granted to **Engr. Reynaldo B. Barra** to act and perform the duties of an **OIC-Regional Director** emanates from the power granted to him by the EMB Central Office, the undersigned deems it proper to refer this instant 8888 Complaint/Concern to the EMB Central Office for its consideration and appropriate action. Please see attached Memorandum the EMB Director.

This response is made directly to the **8888 Citizen's Complaint Center** considering the anonymity of the sender of the concern and in compliance to **Ticket No.: W20220119-824-45** requiring for a concrete and specific action on the complaint/concern. If warranted, requesting closure of this ticket number.

For your information and reference. Thank you and best regards.

Respectfully,



ENGR. MA. CORAZON G. DACUYAN
Chief, Finance and Administrative Division

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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **ENGR. WILLIAM P. CUÑADO**
Bureau Director
Environmental Management Bureau

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

SUBJECT : **REFERAL OF 8888 COMPLAINT/CONCERN RE
APPOINTMENT OF DIR. MARIBEL B. MUNSAYAC vis-
à-vis DESIGNATION OF ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA,
OIC- REGIONAL DIRECTOR, EMB REGION VIII**

DATE : **25 JANUARY 2022**

Respectfully, referred for the information, consideration, and appropriate action of your office, is a complaint/concern received by this Office from the **8888 Citizen's Complaints Center** from an anonymous complainant/sender seeking to answer or clarify whether an Appointee of the President, issued with the corresponding Assumption to Duty, may report to the position appointed without a Special Order and Installation from the Regional Office.

In compliance with the requirements of the **8888 Citizen's Complaints Center**, please be informed that a letter dated **25 January 2022** was submitted by this Office to the former, a copy of which is hereto attached as Annex "A" for your reference and information.

In addition, attached also is a letter dated **14 January 2022** from the Civil Service Commission, Regional Office No. VIII, addressed to Ms. Maribel B. Munsayac, Director II, EMB, submitted last **24 January 2022**. The matter is in response to a query on "Appointment vs. Designation" submitted by Ms. Munsayac before the CSC Regional Office No. VIII. A letter dated **25 January 2022** acknowledging the same, hereto attached as Annex "B", is likewise submitted to the CSC Regional Office No. VIII.

Notwithstanding the responses made, these matters are respectfully raised to the attention of your office for its information, record, and appropriate action. Considering that the undersigned exercises the powers and functions of an OIC- Regional Director pursuant to an authority granted by your office, with affirmation by the honorable DENR Secretary, it is but proper to acquaint your office of the issues and concerns raised as it is in the best position to clarify and elucidate on these matters upon all those seeking for wisdom and enlightenment.

Thank you and best regards.

ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA