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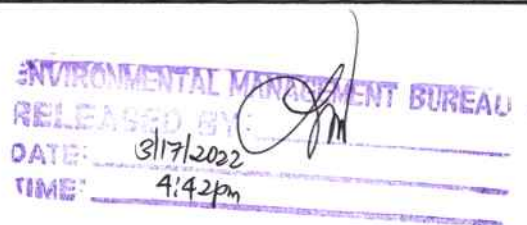


16 March 2022

HONORABLE THELMA ARGUTA

Brgy. Chairperson

Brgy. Bolongtohan, Dulag, Leyte



Dear **Honorable Arguta**,

Environmental Greetings!

This has reference to Brgy. Bolongtohan's **Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)** which was monitored by personnel from this Office on 18 February 2022 in order to evaluate its operation. The inspectors noted the following, to wit:

1. The main MRF was fully operational and had a composting and communal garden components;
2. The compartments in the main MRF and the four purok MRFs were properly labeled and well-maintained;
3. The households had their own segregation receptacles and were implementing segregation-at-source;
4. Inspection of a set of segregation bins installed in a conspicuous area within the barangay revealed that the wastes inside were properly segregated;
5. The main MRF had a composting and communal garden components;
6. Recycling and crafts-making out of recyclable materials were evident. There were numerous recycled products displayed along the barangay roads, in the purok MRFs, the main MRF and in the Brgy. Hall;
7. The record on the sale of recyclables was not updated; and
8. Some of the special wastes generated by the households were being buried.

In view of these findings, you are hereby advised to implement the following:

1. Brgy. Bolongtohan is advised to sustain and further enhance its over-all SWM implementation;
2. To further intensify its campaign on segregation-at-source and ensure that all households, stores, school, church and other entities present in the community are segregating their wastes from source;
3. To update maintain an MRF record system for the quantity of wastes stored, sold, recycled and composted in order to come up with data that will be used in calculating the actual waste diversion rate of the barangay; and
4. To strictly prohibit the burying of special wastes.

Moreover, the inspectors also observed that the Brgy. Officials were very active in implementing solid waste management-related programs such as regular clean-up drives, recycling activities, community beautification, clean & green contests, sustainable community gardening, environmental awareness drives, community involvement, and mandatory establishment of MRFs in each purok.

Anent to these, you are advised to sustain such practices and initiatives to further enhance your compliance to **RA 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000.**

Thank you and stay safe. God bless.

Very truly yours,

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