

Republic of the Philippines Department of Environment and Natural Resources ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU

Regional Office VIII, Tacloban City

February 3, 2022

HON. HERMENEGILDO C. CULPA Municipal Mayor Padre Burgos, Southern, Leyte

WENT BUREAT ATE: 2/16/2022 11:53am HME:_

Dear Mayor Culpa:

We are providing you again the following results of our continuing monitoring of the recreational waters in your municipality under our Priority/Other Recreational Water. The monitored beaches are (Fronting Blue Deep Resort), (Fronting Castle Resort) and (Fronting Sogod Bay Scuba Resort) located at Padre Burgos, Southern, Levte,

Sampling Date	Station	Concentration (MPN/100 mL)	
		Fecal Coliform	DENR Standard for Classified SB waters
July 2021	Fronting Blue Deep Resort	<18	100
August 2021	Fronting Blue Deep Resort	130	
September 2021	Fronting Blue Deep Resort	<18	
October 2021	Fronting Blue Deep Resort	1.3x10 ³	
November 2021	Fronting Blue Deep Resort	20	
December 2021	Fronting Blue Deep Resort	180	

Sampling Date	Station	Concentration (MPN/100 mL)	
		Fecal Coliform	DENR Standard for Classified SB waters
July 2021	Fronting Castle Resort	<18	
August 2021	Fronting Castle Resort	790	100
September 2021	Fronting Castle Resort	5.4x10 ³	
October 2021	Fronting Castle Resort	170	
November 2021	Fronting Castle Resort	78	
December 2021	Fronting Castle Resort	470	

Sampling Date	Station	Concentration (MPN/100 mL)	
		Fecal Coliform	DENR Standard for Classified SB waters
July 2021	Fronting Sogod Bay Scuba Resort	20	
August 2021	Fronting Sogod Bay Scuba Resort	170	

September 2021	Fronting Sogod Bay Scuba Resort	20	
October 2021	Fronting Sogod Bay Scuba Resort	>1.6x10 ⁴	100
November 2021	Fronting Sogod Bay Scuba Resort	40	
December 2021	Fronting Sogod Bay Scuba Resort	170	

In connection with the above monitoring results, we *reiterate* our recommendation that the Environmental or Sanitary Unit of your office shall identify the possible sources of high Fecal Coliform and require the identified source/s to construct treatment facility and to stop discharging untreated wastewater to the waterbodies. *This is a recurring issue that needs to be addressed.* As we all know, the Clean Water Act of 2004 (RA 9275) provides that it is the role of the local government units to monitor the water quality of any waterbodies and implement measures to prevent and control water pollution.

Again, it is requested that the agency be informed of any actions that your office has undertaken which is relevant to the recommendations cited above.

We will highly appreciate your immediate action of the above matter.

Very truly yours,

ENGR. REYNALDO B. BARRA

OIC-Regional Director