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Dear **Mayor Tiu**,

Environmental Greetings!

This has reference to your **10-Year Solid Waste Management Plan** which is already **approved** by the **National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC)**. Relevant to this, personnel from this Office visited your municipality to monitor the implementation status of the various SWM strategies that you have indicated in your approved plan.

Hence, please be informed of the following findings/observations obtained during the monitoring and our corresponding recommendations:

Findings/observations	Recommendations
<p>Source Reduction</p> <p>Only the following are implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Massive Information Campaign through Barangayan on Proper Solid waste Management</i>• <i>Proper Waste Segregation to reduce waste in the market</i>• <i>Conduct Coastal and Clean - up Drive</i>• <i>Eco Bricks exchange program</i> <p>According to Engr. Abraham Ibañez, MENRO, some reduction programs stated in the SWM Plan are not yet implemented due to pandemic.</p>	<p>Other reduction programs should be realized based on the Plan.</p>
<p>Collection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently, only twenty-two (22) out of 38 barangays are covered by the LGU collection service.• The “No Segregation, No Collection” policy is being implemented in the 22 barangays.	<p>The LGU should increase the number of barangays served by the collection system as planned.</p> <p>The “No Segregation, No Collection” policy should be strictly followed.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three (3) units dumptrucks and one (1) unit six wheelers truck were already procured last CY 2021. 	
<p>Segregation, Recycling and Composting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The “No Segregation, No Collection” policy is being implemented in the 22 barangays. • The LGU’s Central MRF located in Brgy. Tulay is operational. • There are SWM equipment inside the Central MRF that process wastes. • Windrows composting is being done in the facility. • Fourteen (14) barangays have functional MRFs. • Some households practice backyard composting. 	<p>Segregation – The “No Segregation, No Collection” policy should be strictly followed. Other barangays not covered in the collection should also implement segregation at source.</p> <p>Recycling – Expand the services of Central MRF to other barangays not being served by the facility.</p> <p>Composting – To fully operate composting operation in the central MRF and ensure that barangays practice household composting.</p>
<p>Marketing and Market Development</p> <p>Programs on marketing and market development for diverted/processed wastes are not yet done.</p>	<p>The LGU should implement the marketing strategies indicated in the Plan in order to gain income from processing of wastes.</p>
<p>Alternative Technologies for Residual Wastes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LGU has the following equipment that process selected residual wastes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Shredder for non-biodegradable wastes ✓ Bricks/hollowblocks-making equipment • Bricks/hollowblocks-making is not yet fully operational. 	<p>To fully operate the bricks/hollowblocks making-equipment in order to divert more residuals.</p>
<p>Disposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LGU has submitted its Safe Closure and Rehabilitation Plan (SCRCP) for the old dumpsite. Said dumpsite was already closed. However, it has opened another dumpsite just adjacent to the old one. Waste materials are being pushed towards a cliff in the east. • The LGU has no Sanitary Landfill yet, collected residual wastes are being dumped near the MRF building. 	<p>The LGU is advised to improve the RCA (Residual Containment Area) which is located beside the MRF. The residuals stored inside the RCA should not be in direct contact to the ground.</p> <p>The LGU should immediately cease dumping waste materials near the former open dumpsite.</p> <p>The LGU should also start looking for a suitable site for the establishment of a Sanitary Landfill.</p>

Special Wastes and Health care wastes The RHU has its own septic vault for storage of its health care wastes while the collected special wastes from other waste sources are stored in the Central MRF.	To implement the programs on the management of special wastes as stated in the Plan.
Monitoring program Currently, the MENRO monitors the barangays' compliance to RA 9003.	Strict monitoring of the barangays' compliance to RA 9003 should be implemented.
Financial Aspects According to the MENRO, financial utilization on SWM was for the purchase of 3 units dumptrucks and 1 unit six wheelers last year.	Other budgetary programs stated in the Plan of the LGU should be implemented especially the construction of RCA.
Waste Diversion The MENRO has no actual data on the wastes diversion, however, the following waste diversion practices are being implemented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - eco-bricks exchange program - backyard composting - vermi-composting - bricks making 	The LGU should keep track or record the quantity of wastes processed versus waste generation to compute for the actual percentage of waste diversion of the municipality.

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

Thank you, more power and God bless.

Very truly yours,


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