



**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU**

Regional Office No. 1  
DENR Bldg., Government Center, Sevilla, City of San Fernando,  
La Union

March 26, 2019

**MR. REY V. MIMES**

Owner/Manager  
RVM ENTERPRISES  
Brgy. Pinmaludpod, Urdaneta City, Pangasinan

Dear **Mr. Mimes**:

This refers to the investigation conducted by Technical Personnel of this Office regarding the complaint from a concern citizen against the operation of your business establishment.

Result of investigation revealed that your establishment is engaged in bottle washing and cleaning of consumed liquor bottles of La Tondena. The operation of the bottle washing activity generates wastewater which is discharged to the adjacent property without wastewater discharge permit which is violation of Section 14 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004.

In view of the above, you are hereby directed to **explain in writing** why you should not be held liable for the aforecited violation and to **attend a Technical Conference** at our Office on JUN 28 2019 at 2:00 pm.

Should you or your authorized representative who can make commitments in your behalf fail to attend the said Technical Conference and submit the required explanation, this Office shall be constrained to conduct ex-parte hearing of your case and an "ORDER" shall be promulgated for the imposition of fines and penalties in accordance with the provisions of the Republic Act.

For your compliance.

Very truly yours,

**ENGR. MARIA DORICA NAZ- HIPE, CESE**  
Regional Director

cc:

Regional Executive Director  
DENR-R1, San Fernando City, La Union

OIC, PENR Officer  
PENRO Pangasinan, Dagupan City

OIC, CENR Officer  
CENRO Urdaneta City

City Mayor  
Urdaneta City, Pangasinan

Punong Barangay  
Brgy. Pinmaludpod, Urdaneta City, Pangasinan



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**INVESTIGATION REPORT ON POLLUTION COMPLAINT**

Name of Firm/Establishment : RVM Enterprises  
Head of the Establishment : Mr. Rey V. Mimes – Owner/Manager  
Address & Coordinates : Brgy. Pinmaludpod, Urdaneta City, Pangasinan  
15.97888°N, 120.51499°E  
Contact Number : 09219959037/09178599918  
Ownership : Sole Proprietorship  
Investigating Officer : Engr. Elmer C. Ventura  
Date and Time of Inspection : February 13, 2019, 9:30AM  
Date of Report Prepared : February 15, 2019

**Persons Interviewed:**

Names of Persons contacted	Position	Address
Mr. Rey V. Mimes	Owner/Manager, RVM Enterprises	Brgy. Pinmaludpod, Urdaneta City, PA
Mr. Armando Tugera	Barangay Secretary	Brgy. Pinmaludpod, Urdaneta City, PA
Mr. Fernando Garcia	Barangay Clerk	Brgy. Pinmaludpod, Urdaneta City, PA

**A. Complaint Background:**

On February 12, 2019, the undersigned received a directive from this Office regarding a complaint of a concerned citizen of Brgy. Pinmaludpod, Urdaneta City, Pangasinan against a certain bottle washing establishment (RVM Enterprises) located at the said barangay.

Based on the complaint, the establishment was allegedly discharging partially treated wastewater to the adjacent property of the complainant.

The undersigned proceeded to the Barangay Hall of Pimaludpod, Urdaneta City, Pangasinan and met Barangay Secretary and Clerk, thereafter, with their assistance, went to the complaint site to conduct investigation.

**B. General Information:**

1. Type of Industry: Bottle Washing
2. Land use of adjoining areas (radial distance)

Land Use	<200 m	200 m	500 m
Residential	√		
Commercial	√		
Agricultural	√		

3. No. of Hours of Operation: 24 hours per day
4. DENR Permits: None

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### C. Findings and Observations:

#### 1. Inside the firm/establishment:

- 1.1 The establishment is operating during investigation and ~~is~~ engaged in washing and cleaning of consumed liquor bottles of Ginebra and La Tondena.
- 1.2 The establishment has a warehouse where washing/cleaning area and stock area is located.
- 1.3 The process of the operation includes soaking of the empty bottles in the water and removing of bottle stickers with the use dish washing agents.
- 1.4 The establishment has 12-units concrete soaking tank, 3-units septic tank for wastewater of the process and 2-source points of deep well as water source.
- 1.5 Although, the process facility provides septic tanks, domestic wastewater such as kitchen and bath wastewater, from the workers quarter were discharge directly to the adjacent property of the complainant thru the protruding pvc pipes.

#### 2. Outside the firm/establishment:

- 2.1 It was found that wastewater from the workers quarter ~~is directly discharge~~ the adjacent property of the complainant. Although, the adjacent property has no development yet, a small wastewater lagoon was already created due of the discharges by the workers.

### D. Remarks:

1. During investigation, the owner was advised to direct their workers to remove all the protruding pipes and divert their wastewater discharges from the septic tanks provided. The owner, immediately instructed his workers to act on it.
2. The establishment secures Barangay Clearance and other permits from the LGU of Balungao, Pangasinan. However, no Wastewater Discharge Permit was secured from this Office.

### E. Recommendations:

1. The respondent to divert the domestic wastewaters (kitchen and bath wastewater) from the workers quarter to the septic tanks provided.
2. The respondent shall be required to apply for Wastewater Discharge in this Office under RA 9275.
3. Respondent to implement good sanitation practices and implement good solid wastes management within its operation.
4. Furnish a copy of this report and letters to the Office of DENR-1 RED.

Prepared by:

  
**ELMER C. VENTURA**  
PEMU-Focal Person / Engineer III

Noted by:

  
**ENGR. RAYMUNDO C. GAYO, DPA**  
OIC PENR Officer  
PENRO Pangasinan

Approved by:

  
**ENGR. MARIA BORICA NAZ-HIPE, CESE**  
Regional Director



#### F. Picture Documentation:

Photos taken during the investigation of complaint on Bottle Washing Establishment located at Brgy. Pinmaludpod, Urdaneta City, Pangasinan, Pangasinan, (February 13, 2019).



PHOTOS SHOWING THE BOTTLE WASHING AND CLEANING OPERATION OF RVM ENTERPRISES.



PHOTOS SHOWING THE PROTRUDING PIPE AND LAGOON IN THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OF THE COMPLAINANT DUE OF WASTEWATER DISCHARGES FROM THE WORKER'S QUARTER.