



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
Tel Nos. 929-6626 to 29; 929-6633 to 35
926-7041 to 43; 929-6252; 929-1669
Website: <http://www.denr.gov.ph> / E-mail: web@denrgov.ph

JUL 18 2018

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

No. 2018 - 03

TO : DENR REGION VI REGIONAL DIRECTOR
EMB REGION VI REGIONAL DIRECTOR
ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT : SUSPENSION OF ALL ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE
CERTIFICATES (ECCs) IN THE ISLAND OF BORACAY,
MALAY, AKLAN

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2018, the President issued Proclamation No. 475 declaring the state of calamity in the barangays of Balabag, Manoc-manoc, and Yapak (Islands of Boracay) in the Municipality of Malay, Aklan and its temporary closure of the island as a tourist destination;

WHEREAS, among the identified issues in Boracay Island are the following: sewerage problem both on commercial and residential structures, contamination of ground water and damage of natural habitats of Boracay fauna such as marine turtles and flying foxes, and illegal constructions within forestlands, wetlands and easements;

WHEREAS, the Environmental Compliance Certificates (ECCs), as provided for under DENR Administrative Order No. 2003-30 were issued after positive review of an ECC application, certifying that based on the representations of the proponents that their proposed projects or undertakings will not cause significant environmental impacts if mitigating measures were properly implemented;

WHEREAS, the objective by which these ECCs as planning documents were issued are apparently being defeated by the situation wherein a presidential proclamation was needed to address environmental degradation of Boracay Island;

WHEREAS, as the primary agency of the government in charge of ensuring the preservation of Boracay Island, it is incumbent upon the DENR to re-evaluate compliance with all environmental laws of all establishments in the area in relation to the Island's carrying capacity;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Proclamation 475 and Executive Order 53, all ECCs issued in Boracay Island are hereby suspended and the same shall be thoroughly reviewed in terms of their compliance to current local and national laws, rules and regulations. Likewise, in the review of the ECCs, the results of the Cadastral Mapping and Carrying Capacity Study shall be taken full consideration.

Accordingly, a Committee composed of representatives from DENR, EMB and MGB is hereby created to review establishments' compliance with all existing ECCs and Environmental Management Plans, and to present report to the undersigned for either the lifting of the suspension or cancellation of the same.

The EMB Regional Office shall continue to monitor establishments during the suspension of their ECCs to ensure that there is no violation of all environmental laws. They shall also monitor all establishments issued with Certificate of Non-Coverage (CNC) for their compliance.

For strict and immediate compliance.


ROY A. CIMATU
Secretary

