

SIMPLIFYING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE OR CERTIFICATE OF NON-COVERAGE APPLICATIONS

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Pursuant to Malacanang Administrative Order No. 42, Rationalizing the Implementation of the Philippine Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) System, and DENR Administrative Order No. 2003-30, Implementing Rules and Regulations for the Philippine Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) System, requiring the conduct and evaluation of the EIA at the earliest stage of the project cycle and preferably with the feasibility, 'the current practice of requiring the issuance of Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) or Certificate of Non-Coverage (CNC) is hereby streamlined, as follows:

- No permits, and/or clearances issued by other National Government Agencies a Local Government Units shall be required in the processing of ECC or CNC application
- The findings and recommendations of the EIA shall be transmitted to relevant government agencies for them to integrate in their decision making prior the issuance of clearances, permits and licenses under their mandates.
- The issuance of an ECC or CNC for a project under the EIS System does not exempt the proponent from securing other government permits and clearances as required h other laws. The current practice of requiring various permits, clearances and licenses only constrain the EIA evaluation process and negate the purpose and function of the EIA.

All DENR, EMB and MGB Regional Offices are hereby instructed to conduct an Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign on this matter.

Henceforth, all related previous instructions and other issuances, shall be reviewed and made consistent with this circular.

For strict compliance.

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