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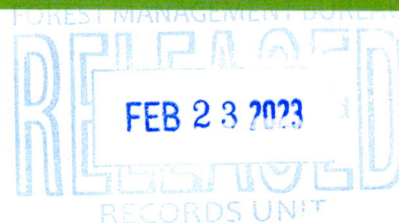
MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Directors
All DENR Regional Offices

FROM : The OIC-Assistant Secretary for Field Operations-Western Mindanao, and
Director, in concurrent capacity

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR UPDATES ON ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE AUDIT
OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO THE
COMPREHENSIVE COMPLIANCE AUDIT ON THE NGP AND
ENHANCED NGP FROM 2011-2016 AND 2017-2021**

DATE : **FEB 23 2023**



This has reference to the letter dated 15 February 2023 from the Commission on Audit addressed to the DENR Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga on the request for comments on the draft Consolidated Management Letter (CML) for the Comprehensive Compliance Audit of the National Greening Program (NGP) pursuant to COA Office Order No. 2021-434 dated 06 July 2021.

The deadline for the submission of comments is on 22 February 2023. However, to give ample time to provide accurate answers/comments on the draft CML, this Office requested the Commission to extend its deadline of submission of management comments.

In this regard and considering that some of the audit findings and recommendations pertains to the different DENR Regional and PENR Offices, kindly provide the actions on the findings and recommendations taken by the management following the template attached in this Memorandum. We will appreciate receiving both the scanned signed copy and an editable MS Word copy of the template on or before 02 March 2023 through email address fred.rfrs@fmb.denr.gov.ph.

Attached is the said letter of the Commission on their request for comments on the draft CML. The attachments of the letter can be accessed through the link: https://bit.ly/ngp_audit_cml_feb2023_ro.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, PLEASE.


ARLEIGH J. ADORABLE, CESO III

Copy furnished:

The Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs
The Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change
The Undersecretary for Field Operations - Luzon, Visayas and Environment
The Undersecretary for Field Operations-Mindanao
The Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and Foreign Assisted and Special Projects
The Assistant Secretary for Finance, Information Systems and Mining Concerns

DATE: _____

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Prepared by:	Approved by:
Name and Position	Regional Executive Director

¹ FI = Fully implemented; PI = Partially Implemented; NI = Not Implemented



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OSEC-2023-000848: (EXTREMELY URGENT) Management Letter on the Comprehensive Compliance Audit on the NGP and Enhanced NGP from 2011-2016 and 2017-2021 For Comment

DENR OSEC Referral <osec.referral@denr.gov.ph>

Thu, Feb 16, 2023 at 10:01 AM

To: "Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs" <ouppia@denr.gov.ph>, ouart.denr20@gmail.com

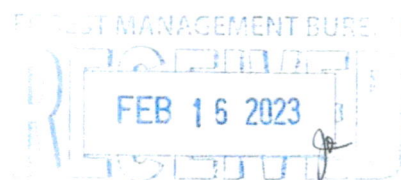
Cc: DENR FMB Official <fmb@denr.gov.ph>, FMS Office of the Director <fms.od@denr.gov.ph>

Sir/ Madam:

Respectfully referred to your good office for information and appropriate action, with EDATS No. OSEC-2023-000848.

Thank you!

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From: Office of the DENR Secretary <osec@denr.gov.ph>

Date: Thu, Feb 16, 2023 at 9:34 AM

Subject: OSEC-2023-000848: (URGENT) Fwd: Management Letter on the Comprehensive Compliance Audit on the NGP and Enhanced NGP from 2011-2016 and 2017-2021 For Comment

To: DENR OSEC Referral <osec.referral@denr.gov.ph>

Office of the Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources



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From: COA DENR <coadenr2@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 15, 2023 at 6:13 PM

Subject: Fwd: Management Letter on the Comprehensive Compliance Audit on the NGP and Enhanced NGP from 2011-2016 and 2017-2021 For Comment

To: Office of the Secretary <osec@denr.gov.ph>

Cc: Violy Molina <ashley72702@yahoo.com>, <maodtojan1963@gmail.com>

Dear Sec. Loyzaga,

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Attached is the letter dated February 15, 2023 of Ms. Marites A. Odtojan, Team Supervisor, NGP Special Audit Team relative to the above mentioned subject matter.

2/16/23, 11:41 AM

Forest Management Bureau Mail - OSEC-2023-000848: (EXTREMELY URGENT) Management Letter on the Comprehensive...

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email.

Thank you.

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Office of the Supervising Auditor – Audit Group C & D

February 15, 2023

Hon. MARIA ANTONIA YULO LOYZAGA

Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

Dear Secretary Loyzaga:

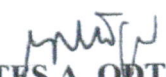
Greetings!

We are forwarding herewith the draft Consolidated Management Letter (CML) for the Comprehensive Compliance Audit on the National Greening Program (NGP) that commenced on July 19, 2021, pursuant to COA Office Order No. 2021-434 dated July 06, 2021. During our previous meeting held on January 4, 2023, we informed the body that the draft Management Letter shall be sent to your Office for comments before it shall be finalized and officially transmitted to your end.

We then expect to receive your comments not later than February 22, 2023 considering that copies of Audit Observations Memoranda were already commented by that Office and the Summary of Audit Observations and Recommendations have already been provided to your Office before the conduct of the exit conference. Furthermore, as agreed upon in our previous meeting that another meeting will be held to discuss further the findings and recommendations contained in the attached CML. And, we are pleased to inform you that we are available this coming Friday, February 17, 2023.

Again, thank you very much for the cooperation and assistance extended to our audit teams during the audit.

Very truly yours,


MARITES A. ODOJAN

Director III, Project Management Office
Team Supervisor, NGP Special Audit Team



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
COMMISSION ON AUDIT
COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, QUEZON CITY

December 12, 2022

Hon. MARIA ANTONIA YULO LOYZAGA

Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

Dear Secretary Loyzaga:

**Management Letter on the
Comprehensive Compliance Audit on the
National Greening Program (NGP) and Enhanced NGP Implemented
by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
from 2011-2016 and 2017-2021**

Pursuant to Section 2, Article IX-D of the Constitution of the Philippines and Section 43 of the Government Auditing Code of the Philippines (PD 1445), we have conducted a Comprehensive Compliance Audit on the National Greening Program (NGP) to look into the compliance with Section 2 of Executive Order (E.O.) No. 26, series of 2011 of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)¹ through DA-DENR-DAR convergence initiative, as mandated under paragraph 2.6 of E.O. No. 23.

The audit specifically looked into the adequacy and propriety of the program's legal and policy framework and the alignment of the existing policies with the provisions of E.O. No. 26 for NGP and E.O. No. 193 for Enhanced NGP (ENGP); and the compliance with related laws, rules and regulations affecting the implementation of the NGP by the DENR Central Office (CO), Bureaus, Regional Offices (ROs) and the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Offices (PENROs) during the period 2011-2016 for NGP and 2017-2021 for ENGP, respectively.

Specifically, the audit aimed to: (a) evaluate the extent of compliance by the DENR with Section 2 of E.O. No. 26 and the availability of the performance measurement system to measure achievement of the NGP's objectives (Sec. 1); (b) determine the adequacy and propriety of the NGP and ENGP policies and the alignment of said policies with the provisions of E.O. Nos. 26 and 193, respectively; (c) establish the validity of all transactions relating to NGP and ENGP; d) assess the extent of compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations in the implementation of NGP and ENGP at the DENR's CO, Bureaus, ROs and PENROs; and (e) recommend measures to enhance the existing policies and procedures to improve future NGP implementations.

¹ Sec. 4, E.O. 26

The compliance audit on NGP and ENGP was conducted in accordance with the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institution on Compliance Audit (ISSAI 4000) adopted under COA Resolution No. 2020-011 dated January 30, 2020. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain a reasonable basis for our conclusions.

Deficiencies observed in the course of the audit were earlier communicated through Audit Observation Memoranda (AOMs) issued by the NCR Special Audit Team and the respective Regional Audit Teams, which were formally discussed with the Management of the DENR ROs and PENROs in exit conferences held on various dates. Likewise, audit findings pertaining to the legal and policy framework together with the overall audit findings were communicated to DENR Secretary.

Audit findings from all levels were integrated into the Consolidated Management Letter, which were also discussed with the DENR top officials in an exit conference held on August 18, 2022 and during a meeting with the Secretary and other DENR top Officials on January 4, 2023. All comments were incorporated in this letter, where appropriate and necessary. The results of the NGP compliance audit is presented in detail in the attached **Annex 1** of this letter.

Also, enclosed is a partially filled-up form of an Agency Action Plan, attached as **Annex 2**, for you to complete, and to return to the undersigned within 15 days from receipt hereof. The Agency Action Plan shall ensure the proper implementation of the audit recommendations by concerned DENR officials in all levels.

Likewise, a status report on the actions taken by Auditee's Management to implement the audit recommendations shall be submitted within sixty (60) days from the date of receipt hereof, pursuant to Section 97 of the General Provisions of the General Appropriations Act of 2022 (RA No. 11639). The template on the Agency Action Plan and Status of Implementations (AAPSI) is also attached as **Annex 3**.

Lastly, we extend our sincere appreciation to the Honourable Secretary and other DENR's top Officials and personnel in all levels for the cooperation and assistance that they have extended to our audit teams during the audit.

Very truly yours,

MARITES A. ODTOJAN
Director III
Team Supervisor

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President, Senate of the Philippines

Speaker of the House of Representatives

COA Commission Proper

Cluster Director, Cluster 8, National Government Audit Sector

Regional Directors and Supervising Auditors

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