



Republic of the Philippines  
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Pasay City

**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES  
AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

March 9, 2023

**MS. LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV**

Regional Executive Director  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)  
Region 4B-MIMAROPA

Dear **Ms. Claudio:**

The Senate Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change would like to invite you to its public hearing on **Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 10:00 a.m. at the Senator Geronima T. Pecson Room**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Senate of the Philippines, J.W. Diokno Boulevard, Pasay City to discuss the recent oil spill incident in Oriental Mindoro that is causing surmounting damages to the marine ecosystem and biodiversity in the area as contained in the following:

- **Proposed Senate Resolution No. 537** - Resolution Directing the Senate Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change to Conduct an Inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, on the Escalating Oil Spill from the Sunken Tanker MT Princess Empress that is Causing Surmounting Damages to the Marine Ecosystem and Biodiversity, Among Its Other Adverse Effects (*Introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar*); and
- **Privilege Speech of Senator Francis "Tol" N. Tolentino**, entitled: "*Mindoro Oil Spill Incident*" delivered during the March 6, 2023 plenary session.

Attached to this invitation are the ecopies of P.S. Res. No. 537 and the Privilege speech of Senator Tolentino for your ready reference.

For confirmation of your attendance, kindly send to the secretariat the names of the attendees and participants as well as the email address where we could send the Cisco Webex link prior to the hearing.

Should you have queries or concerns, and for the submission of your presentations and position paper, kindly coordinate with the undersigned at 0945-750-5319 (Globe/viber), [senateenviandnatres@gmail.com](mailto:senateenviandnatres@gmail.com) or at [mcrmendoza@yahoo.com](mailto:mcrmendoza@yahoo.com).

The Committee highly appreciates your participation in the public hearing.

Sincerely,

**FOR THE CHAIRPERSON:  
SEN. CYNTHIA A. VILLAR**

by:   
**MARIA CLARINDA R. MENDOZA**  
Committee Secretary