



*Republic of the Philippines*

**SENATE**

*Pasay City*

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

March 9, 2023

**SECRETARY MARIA ANTONIA YULO LOYZAGA**

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)  
DENR Bldg., Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City

Dear **Secretary Loyzaga**:

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.

The Committee requests for a copy of the incident report on the aforementioned incident and the actions taken by DENR on the matter, as well as pertinent documents relative thereto, which you may send to the email address hereinunder provided.

The Committee also earnestly requests your personal presence in the public hearing.

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

Kindly note the health protocols in the Senate requires you and your companion/s to present vaccination card/s (must have at least completed the primary dose series) and a

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negative RT-PCR or antigen test result with 72 hours validity.

The undersigned is required to submit the names of the resource persons who will physically attend the public hearing to the Office of the Senate Sergeant-at-Arms at least a day before the scheduled hearing. Those who are not on the list will be denied entry in the Senate building.

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*