



**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** **The Undersecretaries**  
Chief of Staff and Supervising for Strategic Communications  
Policy, Planning and International Affairs  
Organizational Transformation and Human Resources

**The Bureau Directors**  
Environmental Management Bureau  
Biodiversity Management Bureau

**The Regional Executive Director**  
Region IV-B and VI

**FROM :** **The Undersecretary**  
Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs

**SUBJECT :** **INVITATION AS RESOURCE PERSONS AND REQUEST FOR INCIDENT REPORT FOR THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE PUBLIC HEARING ON OIL SPILL FROM THE SUNKEN TANKER OF MT PRINCESS AND DAMAGES MADE TO THE MARINE**

**DATE :** 13 MAR 2023

The Senate Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change invites the Department to its public hearing on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 10:00 a.m. at the Senator Geronima T. Pecson Room, 2nd 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 also requests 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.

In this regard, as recommended by the Secretary, may we invite you to attend as resource persons to the public hearing. Further, may we request that copies of the incident report be coursed through the Legislative Liaison Office via email at [denrlo@denr.gov.ph](mailto:denrlo@denr.gov.ph). We hope to receive your confirmation and the requested documents on or before 13 March 2022, 5 PM.

Attached herewith is the Invitation from the Committee, Proposed Senate Resolution No. 537 and a copy of Privilege Speech of Senator Tolentino for reference.

  
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