



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**
Legal Affairs Service
Policy and Planning Service
Climate Change Service

The Bureau Director
Environmental Management Bureau

The Executive Directors
National Water Resources Board
River Basin Control Office
Manila Bay Coordinating Office
Pasig River Coordinating and Management Office

All Regional Executive Directors

The General Manager
Laguna Lake Development Authority

FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **INVITATION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS REGARDING
WATER SUSTAINABILITY BILLS FROM THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS,
INNOVATION, AND FUTURES THINKING**

DATE : 12 May 2023

The Senate Committee on Sustainable Development Goals, Innovation and Futures Thinking (SDGIFT) chaired by Senator Pia Cayetano will be conducting a hearing on **15 May 2023 (Monday), 01:00 PM at the Sen. Tañada Room, 2nd Floor Senate of the Philippines, Pasay City and via Webex link** to continue its discussion on the various proposed measures that seek to provide wider access to safe and potable water to every barangay and promote sustainable use of water resources. Specifically, the following will be tackled during the said hearing:

1. Privilege Speech of Sen. Pia Cayetano entitled "World Water Day" delivered on March 22, 2023.
2. Senate Bill No. 16 - AN ACT PROVIDING FRAMEWORK ON WATER SUSTAINABILITY, by Senator Pia S. Cayetano;
3. Senate Bill No. 310 - AN ACT TO PROMOTE RURAL HEALTH BY PROVIDING AN ACCELERATED PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POTABLE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IN EVERY BARANGAY IN THE COUNTRY WITHIN THREE YEARS, by Senator Juan Miguel "Migz" F. Zubiri; and
4. Senate Bill No. 1048 - AN ACT ENSURING SAFE DRINKING WATER, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 856, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CODE ON SANITATION OF THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, by Senator Joel Villanueva

In this regard, may we respectfully request the name of your representative to serve as one of the resource persons to provide their valuable inputs and insights regarding the topic, as requested by the Committee. Please note that there may be some questions that could be raised based on your presentation in the past hearing, as per the Committee as well.

Kindly submit your comments on or before 12 May 2023, 5:00 PM via email at denrlo@denr.gov.ph. The copies of the bills may be accessed through this link: <https://bit.ly/3HbxXJi>.



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cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs
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