



**MEMORANDUM**

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

**The Bureau Directors**  
Environmental Management Bureau *- RD Joe Anil*  
Biodiversity Management Bureau *- RD Mar*

**The Regional Executive Director** *- Main loc,*  
Region IV-B

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

**SUBJECT :** **INVITATION AS RESOURCE PERSONS AND REQUEST FOR  
INPUTS RE: SINKING OF MT PRINCESS EMPRESS, THE  
RESULTING OIL SPILL, AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF SEA  
CARRIERS INVOLVED IN MARITIME ACCIDENTS FROM THE  
COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**DATE :** *02 MAY 2023*

The Committee on Ecology joint with the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives invites the Department to its public hearing on May 9, 2023, (Tuesday) 9:30am at the Macalintal Hall, South Wing Annex, House of Representatives to deliberate resolutions regarding the sinking of MT Princess Empress, the resulting oil spill, and accountability of sea carriers involved in maritime accidents as follows:

1. House Resolution No. 829 RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION REGARDING THE OIL SPILL FROM AND SINKING OF MT PRINCESS EMPRESS by Rep. Elpidio F. Barzaga, Jr. and
2. House Resolution 835 RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SUFFICIENCY OF OUR MARITIME LAWS AND SAFETY STANDARDS, AND OTHER RELATED MEASURES TO ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY OF SEA CARRIERS INVOLVED IN MARITIME ACCIDENTS, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE RECENT OIL SPILL CAUSED BY A CAPSIZED OIL TANKER OFF COAST OF ORIENTAL MINDORO by Rep. Alfonso V. Umali, Jr.

In this regard may we invite you to attend as resource persons to the public hearing. May we also request your inputs, views and recommendations on the matter. Kindly submit it via email at [denrilo@denr.gov.ph](mailto:denrilo@denr.gov.ph). We hope to receive your confirmation and inputs on or before May 3, 2023, at 5 PM.

Attached herewith are the invitation, agenda and the House Resolutions for your reference.

*Thank you,*



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