



**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 Directors**  
Region IV-A, IV-B

**The Executive Director**  
National Mapping and Resource Information Authority

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

**SUBJECT :** **INVITATION AS RESOURCE PERSONS RE: THE CONTINUATION OF HEARING ON RESOLUTIONS REGARDING THE OIL SPILL FROM THE SINKING OF MT PRINCESS EMPRESS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY AND COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**DATE :** **22 MAY 2023**

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The Committee on Ecology joint with the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives invites the Department to the continuation of its hearing on **May 29, 2023, (Monday) 1:00 pm at the Belmonte Hall, South Wing Annex, House of Representatives** on resolutions regarding the sinking of MT Princess Empress as follows:

1. H.R. 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.
2. H.R. No. 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.
3. H.R. No. 842 - A Resolution Directing the Committee on Ecology, the Committee on Natural Resources, and the Committee on Tourism to Conduct an Inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, on the Oil Spill in Oriental Mindoro and Nearby Provinces for the Purposes of Determining the Extent of Damage to the Marine Resources, Health, Tourism, and Livelihood, and Recommending Appropriate Measures to Rehabilitate Coastal Areas, Provide Assistance to Affected Communities, and Mitigate Effects of the Disaster, by Rep. Teodorico T. Haresco, Jr.



4. H.R. No. 847 - Resolution Urging the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and Committee on Transportation to Immediately Conduct an Investigation, in Aid of Legislation, on the Surrounding Events Which Led to the Sinking of M/T Princess Empress on February 28, 2023, and Resulted in the Worst Oil Spill in the History of Philippines, by Rep. Khymer Adan T. Olaso
5. H.R. No. 848 - A Resolution Directing the Committee on Natural Resources to Conduct an Inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, into the Cause of the Oriental Mindoro Oil Spill and the Urgent Containment and Removal Measures Already Being Conducted and yet to be Conducted to Prevent Further Damage to the Rich Natural Resources of the Verde Island Passage, by Rep. Joey Sarte Salceda
6. H.R. No. 850 - Resolution Directing the Appropriate House Committee to Conduct an Inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, on the Impact to the Environment and Livelihood of Fisherfolks of the Reported Oil Spill in Naujan, Oriental Mindoro, with the End in View of Implementing Urgent Interventions and Assistance to Help Affected Fishermen and Identifying Possible Accountability Among Those Involved in this Accident, by Rep. Wilbert T. Lee
7. H.R. No. 854 - Resolution Calling For an Investigation, in Aid of Legislation, on the Possible Violations of Maritime Safety Laws and Marine Environmental Laws Relative to the Sinking of MT Princess Empress Off the Coast of Naujan, Oriental Mindoro Resulting to a Massive Oil Spill that is Threatening the Marine Biodiversity of the Province, by Rep. Arnan C. Panaligan
8. H.R. No. 862 - Resolution Directing the Appropriate House of Representatives Committee to Conduct an Inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, on the Environmental, Health, and Tourism Impacts of the Oil Spill in Oriental Mindoro, with the End in View of Encouraging Oversight from all Government Agencies, by Rep. Antonio B. Legarda, Jr.
9. H.R. No. 869 - A Resolution Urging the House of Representatives through the Committee on Natural Resources and Committee on Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources to Immediately Conduct an Investigation, in Aid of Legislation, on the Effects of the Oil Spill Caused by the MT Princess Empress on the Environment and the Verde Island Passage, Livelihood of Fisherfolks, and the Local Production of Fish, by Reps. Arlene D. Brosas, France L. Castro, and Raoul Dannel A. Manuel

In this regard may we invite you to attend as resource persons to the public hearing. May we also request your input, views, and recommendations on the matter. Kindly submit it via email at [denrlo@denr.gov.ph](mailto:denrlo@denr.gov.ph). We hope to receive your confirmation and inputs on or before May 26, 2023, at 5 PM.

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

  
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