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MR. JOE AMIL M. SALINO

Regional Director

DENR-EMB – MIMAROPA

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Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

Subject: Report on Oil Spill Incident in the Port of Puerto Princesa on
September 29, 2023

Dear Director Salino:

We respectfully submit the report detailing the oil spill incident within the Port of Puerto Princesa on September 29, 2023, in compliance with DENR Administrative Order No. 2014-02.

The incident was immediately reported and responded to by Philippine Coast Guard Maritime Environmental Protection Group (MEPGroup). The Philippine Ports Authority and the PCBSI Terminal Corporation were also actively involved in the response operation. The incident was successfully contained on the same day collecting approximately two (2) drums of spilled oil.

The investigation into the incident remains ongoing under the jurisdiction of the PCG. For your reference, we have attached the Environmental Incident Report along with photographs taken during the response operation.

Very truly yours,

ALLAN P. ABOROT

Pollution Control Officer

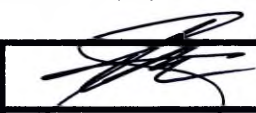
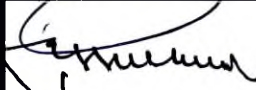
Noted :

ELIZALDE M. ULSON

Port Manager/ Managing Officer

Encl: as stated

Environmental Incident Report

Name of Establishment:	Port of Puerto Princesa		
Address:	Bgy. Bagong Pag-asa, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan		
Name of Managing Head:	Elizalde M. Ulson		
Name of PCO:	Allan P. Aborot		
Date of Incident:	September 29, 2023		
Time of Incident:	0715h to 1330H		
Type of Incident: <input type="checkbox"/> Breakdown of wastewater treatment plant <input type="checkbox"/> Breakdown of air pollution control device <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Release of chemicals to environmental media <input type="checkbox"/> Release of hazardous waste to environment media <input type="checkbox"/> Exceedance to effluent standards <input type="checkbox"/> Exceedance to emission standards <input type="checkbox"/> Others, please specify			
Description of Incident: <p>At approximately 0715H, PPA Assistant Statistician - Ranillo B. Fernandez observed an oil spill advancing towards berth no. 18 of Port of Puerto Princesa from the Baywalk Area, a part of the Coastal Park under the jurisdiction of the Local Government of Puerto Princesa. This sighting was promptly reported to the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).</p> <p>By around 0930H the PCG Maritime Environmental Protection Group (MEPGroup) deployed and lowered oil spill booms and absorbent pads to contain the spill which had spread to berths 9 and 10 of the port.</p> <p>During the incident, PPA provided an area for the PCG to store their equipment, tools, and supplies, facilitating their response operations. Additionally, our team was dispatched to assist the PCG in collecting absorbent pads within the oil spill boom as per their request. Furthermore, a team from the PCBSI Terminal Corporation actively participated in the response operation.</p> <p>The incident was successfully contained at approximately 1330H.</p>			
Estimated Amount of Chemicals, Hazardous Wastes, Emissions, and/or Effluents Released to the Receiving Environment: <p>The PCG reported the collection of approximately two drums of spilled oil in the 500-square-meter affected area (Puerto Princesa Bay). The type of oil spilled is still under investigation by the PCG.</p>			
Probable Cause of the Incident: <p>The cause, the source, and the type of the oil spilled are still under investigation by the Philippine Coast Guard MEPGroup.</p>			
Interim/Contingency Measures to Mitigate Any Potential Negative Impacts: <p>Spill booms and absorbent pads were deployed to contain the oil spilled.</p>			
Completed by: (Signature of PCO)		Date:	September 30, 2023
Noted by: (Signature of Managing Head)		Date:	September 30, 2023

Note: Corrective actions to prevent recurrence, estimated amount of the needed recovery/repair/clean up, and estimated date of completion for any needed repairs should be reflected in the next submission of the SMR.



Aerial view of the port showing the first sighting of the oil spill



Briefing of PCG, PPA, and PCBSI Terminal Corp. teams by the PCG MEPS Group



Spill booms at berths 9 and 10



Absorbent pads to captivate the oil spill



PPA personnel assisting in the retrieval of oiled absorbent pads