



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 33 Series of 2022

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT - TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (PEC EIA-TWG) FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY CRITICAL PROJECTS AND/OR PROJECTS IN ENVIRONMENTALLY CRITICAL AREAS UNDER THE PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) is required for environmentally critical projects and/or projects in environmentally critical areas under the Philippine Environmental Impact Statement System (PEISS) under Presidential Decree No. 1586;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro through the Provincial Environment Council (PEC) is tasked to ensure that the steps of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process are being followed and the interests of the province are held in utmost priority;

WHEREAS, the EIA under PD 1586 is carried out to evaluate the likely environmental, social, cultural and health impacts, both beneficial and adverse, of a proposed project on development including policies and programs;

WHEREAS, the proper application of the EIA will ensure proper planning of projects, designing of projects to reduce adverse impacts to the environment and presentation of finding alternatives to decision makers and stakeholders that will be affected by the project or development;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of P.D. 1586 states that the PEISS must be founded and based on the environmental impact statement required, under Section 4 of Presidential Decree No. 1151, of all agencies and instrumentalities of the national government, including government owned or controlled corporations, as well as private corporations, firms and entities for every proposed project and undertaking which significantly affect the quality of the environment;

WHEREAS, the EIA process and EIA-related documents (Environmental Impact Statement and ECC) are science-based and legal planning and development tools which are requirements and also bases in approving or disapproving projects before implementation especially on the part of the LGUs;

WHEREAS, on 24 June 2022, the Provincial Environment Committee had a meeting and formulated Technical Working Group to study and evaluate EIA before the issuance of an ECC including other duties that may be necessary in the performance of the Committee's functions in relation only to environmental critical projects and/or projects in environmentally critical areas, unless directed by the PEC to handle other kinds of projects as may be necessary;

NOW THEREFORE, I, HUMERLITO A. DOLOR, MPA, PH.D. by virtue of the power vested in me as Provincial Governor by Section 465 (b) (2) (iii), Article One, Chapter 3, Title IV, Book III of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 do hereby promulgate this Executive Order, as follows:

SECTION 1. Creation of the PEC-TWG. The PEC EIA-TWG is organized as follows:

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CO-CHAIRPERSON MS. LYDIA MUÑECA S. MELGAR
Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator

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SECTION 2. Duties and Functions of the PEC EIA-TWG. The PEC EIA-TWG shall perform the following duties and functions:

- A. Monitor the EIA process and ensure that the steps are being followed and the interests of the province, city/towns, and barangays within the environmentally contiguous areas that warrant recognition of public interest and protection are being appropriately considered
- B. Guide and advise the Local Government Units (LGUs) and the local communities/stakeholders in their participation in the EIA process as it progresses.
- C. Review and evaluate the EIA process and the EIA report (Environmental Impact Statement), including the work and decisions of the EIA Review Committee assembled by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.
- D. Review and evaluate the ECC of the project proponent as stipulated in its conditions, recommendations, and mitigation measures .

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- E. Advise the Sanggunian concerned (*Panalawigan, Panglusod, Pambayan, and Pambarangay*) in endorsing/approving/disapproving the proposed project before implementation as stipulated under Sections 26 and 27 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the Philippines of 1991, and Section 70 of Republic Act No. 7492, otherwise known as the "Philippine Mining Act of 1995."
- F. Advise and guide the Executive Department of the different LGUs in issuing the necessary permits required of the projects to address the concerns of ECC regulation and conditions in particular and as well as matters that affect environmental protection and management in the project area and adjacent environmentally contiguous areas in general.
- G. Attend the Committee hearings as may be required by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in accordance with Article Three, Section IX of Provincial Ordinance No. 50-2015 otherwise known as "The Mandatory Consultation Ordinance of Oriental Mindoro."
- H. Fulfil these functions until the approval/disapproval of the said projects by the three (3) Sanggunian concerned and until the required permits are issued by the Executive Department of the different LGUs; and
- I. Faithfully perform all other tasks, duties, and functions in accordance with the mandates of this Executive Order.

SECTION 3. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid for any reason, the parts not affected shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Funding. The funding requirements for the activities, programs, trainings, and meetings of the PEC EIA-TWG shall be charged against the funds of the Office of the Governor.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. All other issuances inconsistent with this Executive Order are deemed repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

DONE IN THE CITY OF CALAPAN, ORIENTAL MINDORO, this 5th day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty Two.


HUMERLITO A. DOLOR, MPA, PH.D.
Provincial Governor