

PUBLIC-PRIVATE ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING SCHEME OF ENVIRONMENTAL CRITICAL PROJECTS IN THE PHILIPPINES

**Creation of a Multi-Partite Monitoring Team
(MMT) as an Instrument in Ensuring EIA
Environmental Compliance and Gaining Trust
among Concern Stakeholders - a Philippine
Strategy**

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU

Region 8, Eastern Visayas

Baras, Palo, Leyte

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- HISTORY OF MMT CREATION/FORMATION
- OBJECTIVES
- FUNCTIONS OF MMT
- ADVANTAGES
- OBSERVATIONS
- DEVELOPMENT

HISTORY OF MMT CREATION

- Three (3) Giant Industrial Companies has been operational in Leyte Industrial Development Estate (LIDE) at Isabel, Leyte, Philippines.

PASAR – A Smelter Plant producing Copper Anodes and Cathodes for export.

PHILPHOS – Producing Fertilizer for export.

LEPANTO – Producing roasted Copper for PASAR's used.

- During the Late 80's, unsatisfied on how the pollution being generated by these companies were handled, various and persistent complaints has been lodged against these three companies

- These complaints were participated by various NGO's both Local and International. Series of dialogues/meetings on how to solve the pollution problem took place.
- Finally , the concept of creating a Multi-partite Monitoring Team (MMT) with members duly represented by all concerned stakeholders was then considered in the arena of transparency, and Good Faith on the part of these three companies.

OBJECTIVES

- To create an atmosphere of Team work, Trust and Cooperation among the wide spectrum of stakeholders with these Companies, and the concerned Government Agencies.
- To eradicate doubts of anomalous operation in the disposal of generated wastes and/or pollution through regular Multi-partite Monitoring.

FUNCTIONS OF MMT

AS A WHOLE

1. To conduct regular monitoring on all identified source of pollution within the company's premises and observed if the same is acceptable ; and
2. To help recommend solutions for environmental improvement.

FOR THE MEMBERS

1. To religiously participate in every monitoring activity;
2. To sign and signify to the veracity of the MMT report reflecting the true picture of the company's operation; and
3. Must act as an Information Officer of the group/stakeholder he/she is representing to avoid the cropping up of wrong information to the public.

FUNCTIONS OF MMT

FOR DENR – EMB

- To Act as chairman of the MMT
- Assess and Identify basic technical environmental training needs for the MMT members necessary for the MMT monitoring activity.

FOR THE COMPANY

- To extend full cooperation and be open in the MMT's monitoring activities; and
- To defray all expenses necessary in the monitoring activities including the conduct of trainings to enhance the knowledge of MMT members through the Environmental Monitoring Fund.

AVANTAGES OF HAVING AN MMT

- MMT Report is more credible and unbiased being an output signed by a multi-sectoral group duly represented by a broad spectrum of concerned stakeholders who actually joined and took part in the monitoring activity.
- It creates a friendly atmosphere and build mutual trust and confidence between the company and the community.
- It enhances environmental consciousness/awareness.

OBSERVATION

- MMT Report is likened to a Buffer Zone against Critics and Complaints because each MMT member would serve as a first line of defense in enlightening their respective group he/she is representing of what really is the true picture of the company's operation .
- The credibility of the MMT Report is given a high regard of respect by any party.

DEVELOPMENT

- At present, the Creation/Formation of MMTs for Environmentally Critical Projects (ECPs) has now become an EIA Policy hence, has been replicated Nationwide all over the Philippine.

THANK YOU !!!