



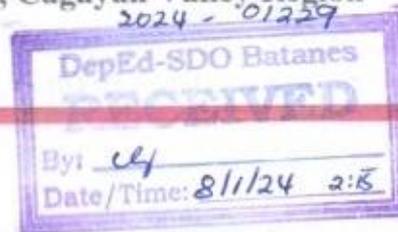
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Dear Director Paragas:

*Isang makakalikasang pagbati!*

In line with the establishment of the different projects within Protected Areas, please be informed that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is implementing several policies and guidelines governing these activities.

Further, with the attendance of the undersigned to several Protected Area Management Board meetings as Chairperson, it was observed that some infrastructure projects were already constructed without the required Environmental Compliance Certificate.

Given the above observation, please be reminded of the following environmental policies and guidelines governing the construction and establishment of infrastructure within National Parks:

1. Special Use Agreement in Protected Areas (SAPA). Under Section 25 of DAO 2019-05, "**Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 7586 as amended by RA 11038 or the Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System (ENIPAS) Act of 2018**", SAPA shall be issued for the use and development of land, water and ecosystem resources or facilities within the Multiple Use Zones of the protected area, subject to the compliance with the requirements of the Protected Area Management Plan, the Environmental Impact Statement System and the payment of Development Fees.
2. Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC). ECC must be secured before the construction and establishment of infrastructure within the protected area. Considering that Protected Areas are Environmentally Critical Areas (ECAs), and as provided in the Memorandum dated March 26, 2024, issued by the Secretary, the ECC shall be approved by the DENR Secretary.

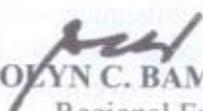
In addition, as per DENR Administrative Order No. 2000-28, all proponents of subdivision development projects, housing projects, and other land development and infrastructure projects, private or public, shall undertake an Engineering Geological and Geohazard Assessment. An Engineering Geological and Geohazard Assessment Report (EGGAR) must be likewise submitted.

3. DENR Administrative Order No. 2009-09, "*Standard Design and Specification of Signages, Buildings, Facilities, and Other Infrastructure that may be installed and/or constructed within protected areas*". All buildings to be established within protected areas must align with the designs and specifications provided by the said Order.

Your compliance with the above-mentioned environmental policies and guidelines is highly encouraged. Should there be any violation, we will be constrained to impose the corresponding penalties and sanctions.

Thank you and we are looking forward to your cooperation in the conservation of the environment and maintaining the integrity of our protected areas.

Very truly yours,

  
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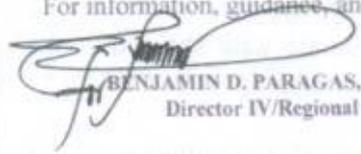
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