

**Amador re-assumes EMB post,  
and Leones is new assistant director**

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Jose Atienza, Jr. recently reinstated Engineer Julian Amador as Director of the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) - DENR. He replaced OIC Director Ely Anthony Ouano who filed his resignation beginning September 1, 2007. Engineer Amador has been the Director of the EMB since 2001 until his assignment as DENR Regional Executive Director for Western Visayas in 2005.

Recognizing his potential and technical capability, DENR Secretary Atienza restored him as head of EMB, with the Bureau in the forefront of environmental protection and management. As EMB Central Office head, he supervises 16 other Regional Offices. Julian Amador is a chemical engineer by profession and also holds a Master's Degree in Public Management at the Development Academy of the Philippines. Among others, Director Amador is a recipient of various awards including the Outstanding Chemical Engineer in the National Government Level given by the Philippine Institute of Chemical Engineers in 2001.

DENR Secretary Atienza, likewise, appointed Attorney Jonas Leones as the new OIC-Assistant Director of the EMB, replacing OIC- Assistant Director Eugenia L. Lagmay. Atty. Leones is also concurrently head of the Pollution Adjudication Board Secretariat based at the EMB, and has been working with the DENR in various technical and managerial capacities for more than 15 years. He has a Master's Degree in Environmental Science and a degree in Bachelor of Laws. He passed the Philippine Bar Examination in March 2005.