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FOR : All Concerned
FROM : The EMB Director
SUBJECT : **WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICE PROVIDER**

In order to provide guidelines for effective implementation of the devolved functions of the Chemical Control Orders dated 23 October 2002, specifically, for asbestos as required under Section IV, Item No. 6 of the DENR Administrative Order 2002-02 (Chemical Control Order for Asbestos), the following considerations in the review and evaluation of applications for Wastes Management Service Provider shall be adopted:

1. Ensure Proper and Approved On-Site and Off-Site Disposal

All Waste Management Service Provider for Asbestos applying for accreditation must have an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) specifically, for an Asbestos Containment Facility (ACF). The EMB-Regional Offices must ensure that said facility granted with ECC is in operation prior to any approval of the Registration Certificate.

If the applicant is not the owner/operator of an approved ACF (off-site), then a duly verified contract with a DENR-approved sanitary landfill and/or ACF must support the application.

An on-site disposal (within Generator's premises) of dismantled asbestos wastes is allowed as long as there exists a Memorandum of Agreement between the Provider and the Generator. In such cases, the Generator must notify the Regional Office for an amendment of their ECC incorporating the sites for asbestos wastes.

2. Require Safety Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Supplies

All applicants for waste management service provider must have the safety equipment necessary to carry out asbestos abatement, including but not limited to negative air pressure units, hepa-filter equipped air pumps and breathing apparatus, packing material, labels, PPE such as gloves and clothing, etc.

Inspection and verification of the existence and purchase orders of aforesaid PPE equipment/supplies must be done by the EMB Office concerned.

3. Require Special Training for Operations Personnel

Personnel who will be in direct contact with asbestos during removal, handling and disposal must have passed appropriate formal training for asbestos. Such training is for the benefit of the asbestos technician and the general public. Training certificates from a duly recognized hazardous materials or asbestos training entity should be submitted as proof of professional capability to properly and safely handle asbestos removal and disposal. These certificates should form part of the documentary requirements.

Direct coordination can be made to the Department of Labor and Employment-Occupational Safety and Health Center (DOLE-OSHC) for such specialized training.

4. Adopt Standard Operating Procedures for the Dismantling and Disposal of Asbestos

Asbestos Service Providers must be guided by established protocols for the demolition, removal, handling and disposal of asbestos. In the absence of comprehensive guidelines, the protocols of other countries such as the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)-Guidelines of the United States or the like may be adopted.

For strict compliance.


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