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**SUBJECT : SUPPLEMENTARY CLARIFICATION ON THE COVERAGE OF
DAO 2016-08 RELATIVE TO THE GRANTING OF NOT MORE
THAN FIVE (5) YEARS GRACE PERIOD**

Pursuant to Section 3 of DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2016-08 (Water Quality Guidelines and General Effluent Standards (GES) of 2016), the General Effluent Standards shall apply to all point sources of pollution, regardless of volume, that discharge to receiving body of water or land and shall be used regardless of the industry category.

Section 10 of DAO 2016-08 provides a grace period of not more than five (5) years, provided that the establishment submits Compliance Action Plan (CAP) and periodic status of implementation to the DENR on the steps taken for the establishment's compliance schedule within the prescribed period. Cases wherein grace period may be given shall be limited to any of the following:

- a) Values for the GES have become stringent compared to the values in DAO 1990-35. In such cases, DAO 1990-35 shall apply during the grace period.
- b) New significant effluent quality parameters were identified for the sector.

The granting of grace period for a) and b) shall only apply to wastewater treatment facilities already existing or undergoing actual construction as of the effectivity of DAO No. 2016-08 which is 15 June 2016.

In view of the above, concerned establishments must have a CAP approved by the concerned EMB Regional Office not later than 31 December 2019 and the grace period will be until 31 December 2022 only. The grace period shall be limited to parameters wherein the values for the GES became stringent compared to the values in DAO 1990-35 and new significant effluent quality parameters identified for the sector. Establishments shall submit their quarterly status of implementation and compliance verification shall be done by the EMB Regional Office.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

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