

DENR EMB CONDUCTED THE 4TH QUARTER CY 2020 ANTI-SMOKE BELCHING UNIT (ASBU) COORDINATION ONLINE MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

4th Quarter Anti-Smoke Belching Unit (ASBU) Online Coordination Meeting
(November 11, 2020 10AM)

Updates on apprehension by numbers and sharing of Best Practices for the New Normal

MONTH	TOTAL TESTED	PASSED	FAILED	REARVIEW		FRONT		SIDE		TOTAL		TOTAL %						
				PAV	PWT/VAW	PAV	PWT/VAW	PAV	PWT/VAW	PAV	PWT/VAW							
JAN	153	28	125	0	22	133	0	0	0	0	3	17	0	0	1	6	0	
FEB	157	30	127	0	0	127	0	1	1	0	2	21	0	0	1	4	0	
MAR	17	7	10	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
ECQ (NO OPERATION DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC)																		
JAN	NO OPERATION																	
FEB	NO OPERATION																	
MAR	NO OPERATION																	
MECQ and GCQ (NO OPERATION DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC)																		
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TOTAL	327	48	279	0	0	279	0	1	1	0	5	28	0	0	4	10	0	
													100%	100%	87%			

As part of the strengthening of the campaign against smoke belching vehicles, the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) hosted an online conference meeting between EMB Air Quality Management Section (AQMS) and Anti-Smoke Belching Units (ASBU) of all Local Government Units (LGUs) for the 4th Quarter CY 2020 on November 11, 2020 via Microsoft Teams.

The agenda of the meeting is to discuss among others, the updates and status of the ASB campaign before and during the Community Quarantine and the streamlining of new protocols (if any) to be implemented during the New Normal. Each LGU is expected to present updates on ASB Operations, issues and concerns, and other best practices regarding reduction of air pollution during community quarantine.

The meeting was attended by the ASBU representatives from MMDA, Antipolo City, Baguio City, San Juan City, Pasay City and Muntinlupa City. Each ASBU team has presented their Anti-Smoke Belching (ASB) operations by number since January to March 2020 before the ECQ and their whereabouts during the ECQ due to the halt in operations for the on-road apprehension. ASBU teams from MMDA, San Juan City and Muntinlupa City were noted to be conducting Garage Emission Testing in the meantime while ECQ has been in effect.

During the meeting, it was also noted that among the attendees, only the MMDA and Pasay City ASBU has already continued their on-road ASB apprehension while all other LGUs provided their target dates of operationalization. For Pasay and MMDA ASBU who was already able to apprehend and adapt to the New Normal practices for their ASB campaign, they have stressed out the importance of following the IATF guidelines when it comes to their ASBU teams and interaction with drivers on the road and also the possibility of providing a more lenient way of providing sanctions to vehicle owners who will fail the Emission Test limits for in-use vehicles. Some of the adjustments provided by MMDA ASBU due to the pandemic situation is refraining from giving out violation tickets immediately for failed vehicles and giving out subpoena instead which will give them a chance to return for a retesting within 24-hours once their vehicles were already fixed and conditioned. It was also noted that only a few LGU ASBU are willing to adapt the more lenient implementation of their ASB operations since most of them are strictly observing their City Ordinances.

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