

**[DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 98-49, S.
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**TECHNICAL GUIDELINES FOR MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE
DISPOSAL**

<DIV ALIGN = "JUSTIFY">WHEREAS, the disposal of municipal solid waste in the Philippines is mostly through open dumps that cause environmental damage and adversely impact on public health;

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources as the primary government agency in charge of environmental and natural resources management and as Chairman of the Presidential Task Force on Waste Management is tasked with providing appropriate guidelines in all aspects of waste management.

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Philippine Local Government Code devolved the responsibility for the provision of basic services, such as but not limited to general hygiene and sanitation, beautification and solid waste management to local government units (LGUs);

WHEREAS, the DENR recognizes the value of strengthening its coordination and cooperation with the LGUs in the planning and implementation of solid waste management strategies;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Presidential Decree 1152 (the Philippine Environmental Policy), Presidential Decree 984 (the Pollution Control Law) and Administrative Order no. 90, there is a need to improve the present disposal practices of municipal solid waste to make them environmentally-sound;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the above premises, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources hereby adopts and promulgates the following Guidelines:

<I>SECTION 1. Title.</I> These guidelines shall be known as "The Technical Guidelines for Municipal Solid Waste Disposal".

<I>SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.</I> It is hereby declared a policy of the DENR to provide direct technical guidance to the LGUs in order to promote their adoption of environmentally-sound, technically-feasible and economically-sustainable solid waste management options, through standards and guidelines that could be consistently applied to different LGUs throughout the country.

<I>SECTION 3. Scope.</I> These Guidelines shall cover the development of new municipal solid waste disposal sites in the Philippines including a phased schedule for the conversion and upgrading of existing dumpsites into a more sanitary and environmentally acceptable manner.