

[DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2013-17, May 27, 2013]

GUIDELINES FOR DENR ENDORSEMENT OF WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PROJECTS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 9275

Pursuant to Section 26 (Incentives Scheme) of Republic Act (RA) 9275, otherwise known as the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004, DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2005-10, providing for the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 9275; and Executive Order 192 (19871, or the Reorganization Act of DENR, the following procedure in endorsing a Water Quality Management Project to the Department of Trade and Industry-Board of Investments (DTI-BOI) and Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) is hereby issued for administration of incentives.

Section 1. Basic Policy. It is the policy of the State to pursue economic growth in a manner consistent with the protection, preservation and revival of the quality of our fresh, brackish and marine waters.

Sec. 2. Objectives. This Order is hereby issued to guide the Environmental Management Bureau Regional Offices (EMB-ROs) in evaluating Water Quality Management Projects and shall form part of the requirements for the availment of incentives provided in RA 9275 and DAO 2005-10 which are being administered by DTI-BOI and BIR.

Sec. 3. Scope and Coverage. This Order shall apply to all local government units, water districts, enterprises, or private entities, and/or individuals who intend to develop or undertake effective water quality management, through any of the following projects/technologies:

- a. Industrial wastewater treatment and/or water pollution control technology;
- b. Cleaner production and waste minimization technology;
- c. Other equipment associated with water pollution control and monitoring such as testing devices and kits;
- d. Technology and domestic innovations such as gray and black water recycling systems; and
- e. Constructed wetlands

The DENR shall issue endorsements for the above-mentioned projects/ technologies. The endorsement shall serve only as proof of eligibility as a water quality management project.

The coverage, description, and entitlement to incentives of the abovementioned projects shall be subject to the concerned agencies' implementing rules and regulations.

Sec. 4. Definition of Terms. For the purposes of this Order, the following terms shall have the following meanings: