

[LLDA RESOLUTION NO. 191-2003, March 27, 2003]

APPROVING THE POLICY GUIDELINES GOVERNING ALL FAST-FOOD STORES, RESTAURANTS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE LAGUNA DE BAY REGION

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 4850, as amended, empowers the Laguna Lake Development Authority to implement the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 984, otherwise known as "The Pollution Control Law of the Philippines", within the Laguna de Bay Region;

WHEREAS, the Laguna de Bay Region has been the center of the country's industrialization and urbanization thereby prompting the LLDA to become pro-active in its effort in managing the resources of the region towards sustainable development and thus, implementing the Environmental User Fee System within the region;

WHEREAS, the Environmental User Fee System was approved for implementation in the Laguna de Bay Region under LLDA Board Resolution No. 25, Series of 1996;

WHEREAS, under Board Resolution No. 33, Series of 1996, adopting the Rules and Regulations Implementing the Environmental User Fee System in the Laguna de Bay Region, all development projects, installations and activities that discharge liquid waste into and pose a threat to the environment of the Laguna de Bay Region, thus covering industrial, commercial, domestic and agricultural sources are covered by the System;

WHEREAS, the fast-food stores, and restaurant sector has committed to be a partner of the Authority in the rehabilitation of the degraded environment and has expressed its desire to comply with LLDA's environmental regulations and standards, and for this reason to determine the best practicable available technology for the treatment of their wastewater;

WHEREAS, for efficient and more effective implementation of the aforementioned laws, rules and regulation, there is an urgent need to define and implement a system for the fast-food stores, and restaurant sector within the Laguna de Bay Region;

NOW THEREFORE, foregoing premises considered and pursuant to the provisions of R.A. 4850 as amended and LLDA Board Resolution No. 33, Series of 1996, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby RESOLVED, to adopt the following Policy Guidelines Governing Fast-food Stores, Restaurants and Similar Establishments within the Laguna de Bay Region:

I. POLICY STATEMENT

The Laguna Lake Development Authority recognizes the unique role of the private sector including small and medium-scale industries as an active partner in the rehabilitation of the degraded environment, and in the effective implementation of pollution control rules and regulations as well as the Environmental User Fee System in the Laguna de Bay Region.

II. SCOPE

These guidelines provide for the policies, standards, monitoring, inspection and assessment protocols for implementing P.D. 984, its related rules and regulations and the Environmental User Fee System for all fast-food stores, restaurants and similar establishments within the Laguna de Bay Region.

III. DEFINITION OF TERMS

For the purposes of these policy guidelines, whenever any of the following words, terms or phrases are used herein or in any amendment or supplementary thereto which may be issued hereafter, they shall have the following meaning, to wit:

"Authority" or *LLDA* shall refer to the Laguna Lake Development Authority.

Fast-food Store/Restaurant refers to establishment with dining furniture that provides food and dining services to the public.

Free-standing establishment refers to dining establishment occupying an entire building. Multiple dining establishments occupying the same building may be classified under this category provided that ownership is by one individual, partnership or corporation or as determined by the Authority.

In-line establishment refer to dining establishment located within a building intended for private lease or tenancy.

Effluent is a general term denoting any wastewater, partially or completely treated, or in its natural raw state or liquid waste flowing out through a pipe or any outlet from a fast-food/restaurant and similar establishment.

IV. DISCHARGE PERMIT REQUIREMENT

New and existing fast-food stores, restaurants and similar establishments within the Laguna de Bay Region which discharge, in any manner, liquid waste into the environment shall be required to secure their respective Discharge Permits from the Authority in accordance with P.D. 984, its implementing guidelines, rules and regulations and Board Resolution No. 33, Series of 1996, including LLDA Clearance if applicable.

V. ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL USER FEES

The following guidelines shall govern the assessment of environmental user fees of fast-food stores, restaurants and similar establishments within the Laguna de Bay Region:

- a. All fast-food stores, restaurants and similar establishments are required to pay both fixed fee and variable fee for its liquid waste