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SUBJECT : **REITERATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTIONS
10 AND 14 OF DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2014-02**

In line with the implementation of one of the priority programs of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to strengthen compliance of establishments to environmental laws, Sections 10 and 14 of DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2014-02 or the Revised Guidelines for Pollution Control Officer (PCO) Accreditation are hereby reiterated.

Section 10 of DAO 2014-02 provides for the Duties and Responsibilities of Accredited PCO, to wit:

The PCO and the Managing Head shall be held jointly and severally liable for any violation of PD 1586, RA 6969, RA 8749, RA 9003, RA 9275, their respective IRRs, and other pertinent rules and regulations, committed by the establishments.

Section 14 provides for the causes of revocation of PCO Accreditation, which states that the following shall be considered as gross violations and are grounds for the revocation of PCO accreditation:

- a. Submission of false documents and/or reports; or
- b. Misrepresentation of facts; or
- c. Has received at least three (3) notices of non-performance from EMB due to failure to perform any of the functions as indicated in Section 10 of DAO 2014-02 Duties and Responsibilities of Accredited PCOs; or
- d. Willful and deliberate discharge of untreated emissions/effluents and hazardous and toxic substances/wastes to the environment.

The commission of any of these violations shall, upon due process, result in 1) the revocation of the accreditation of the PCO and 2) the permanent disqualification of the concerned person from being accredited PCO of any establishment.

In the event that the accreditation of the PCO is revoked, the establishment shall immediately appoint/designate a new PCO, submit its name to the concerned EMB Regional Office and seek accreditation with fifteen (15) calendar days from the receipt of the Revocation Order.



Moreover, pursuant to Annex 5 of DAO 2014-02, (Requirements for Training Organization/Institution Recognition and its Renewal), the recognition of training organization/institution shall be suspended if it is inactive for one (1) year and/or with pending legal case. On the other hand, the recognition shall be cancelled if the training organization/institution has been suspended twice and committed any ground for suspension for the third time (commission of any crime or offense of any employee that is detrimental to the institution).

For strict implementation.


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