



*Tanggapan ng Kalihim
Office of the Secretary*

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**DECS MEMORANDUM
No 170 , s 1999**

**1999 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND EARTH DAY CELEBRATION OF THE
RECYCLING MOVEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES FOUNDATION, INC**

**To Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Heads of Private Schools and Universities**

- 1 The Recycling Movement of the Philippines Foundation Inc (RMPFI) in cooperation with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Department of Education Culture and Sports (DECS) will hold its Annual General meeting and Earth Day Celebration on April 21 1999 at the UP Bahay Alumni Diliman Quezon City
- 2 This years gathering which has for its theme *Pagbubukod ng Basura sa Pinagmulan Kayamanan at Pag-asa ng Kinabukasan* aims to monitor the implementation of commitments and action plans of the participants during the 1997 Regional Trainers Training on Ecological Waste Management
- 3 The participants to the gathering are the trainers who were registered as members of the RMPFI during the said regional training program
- 4 Attendance of participants from government institutions may be allowed on official time only Those coming from the private schools shall make arrangements with their respective schools
- 5 Likewise RMPFI members and trainers are enjoined to coordinate with their respective local government units the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and other non-government organizations (NGOs) in the conduct of activities celebrating Earth Day at the local level


6 Attached, for the information and guidance of the field is the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Chapter XVIII – Refuse Disposal - of the Code on Sanitation of the Philippines (P D 856), which may be used as a basis for the conduct of activities on ecological waste management, in general and for the Earth Day celebration in particular

7 For purposes of monitoring and evaluation all DECS regional coordinators are requested to submit their 1998 accomplishment reports before May 17, 1999 to

DECS Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs
G/F Mabini Bldg U L Complex
Meralco Avenue Pasig City
Telefax nos (02) 636-3603 / 631-8495

8 For confirmation of attendance to the Annual General Meeting, interested parties may call the RMPFI at telephone nos (02) 928-8639 929 5231 920-4837 or 931-5540

9 Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired


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As stated

Reference-

DECS Memorandum No 152 s 1998

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**IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF CHAPTER XVIII – REFUSE DISPOSAL –
OF THE CODE ON SANITATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (P D 856)**

To carry out the provisions of Chapter XVIII – Refuse Disposal – of the Code on Sanitation of the Philippines (P D 856) these rules and regulations are hereby formulated for implementation and strict compliance of all concerned

7 3 Recycling

Refuse shall be segregated or sorted for re-use or recycling purposes according to the following

- 7 3 1 **Factory Returnable** All non biodegradable non compostable wastes such as tin cans metals bottles glass including broken pieces plastic styrofoam rubber dry paper dry cardboard dry cloth, fibers leather, feather, hard shells hard bones and others shall be segregated in separate containers, and may be collected and returned to the factory
- 7 3 2 **Feed Materials** All food wastes peelings vegetrims fish entrails fowl innards spoiled fruits leftovers egg shells rice/fish/meat washings and others shall be collected and kept in covered containers and may be used as animal feed
- 7 3 3 **Fermentables/Fruit Crop Peeling** Fruit peelings spoiled or over ripe fruits juices and others may be processed into vinegar wine nata de coco , nata de pifia or other similar fruit products
- 7 3 4 **Fertilizer Materials** All compostables or biodegradable materials such as garden waste (leaves twigs weeds) animal waste (manure carcasses), human waste (feces urine blood all excreta soiled wipes pads diapers excluding plastic cover) may be processed into compost for organic gardening
- 7 3 5 **Filling Materials** Materials that can be composted mixed with rice chaff and binders may be used for appropriate construction project Little bits and pieces of plastic bags synthetic fibers hair and other materials of similar nature may be used for stuffing toys furniture pillos and others
- 7 3 6 **Fine Crafts** Many of the non biodegradable wastes may be used as materials for handicrafts cottage industries art works toys and other livelihood projects such as paper mache paper basketry tin craft metal craft plastic twine or rope braids craft feather craft woodcraft or glass craft
- 7 3 7 **Food Materials** Certain kinds of seeds pulp and peelings may be made into pickles sweets or candies or snacks
- 7 3 8 **Fuel Materials** Sawdust wood shavings rice hull chaff husks shells cobs paper cardboard fibers and other may be used as fuel materials

7 4 Burying

- 7 4 1 **Burying of refuse/solid waste shall be only for temporary control such as in households and camps**

- 7 4 2 Only biodegradable solid wastes shall be allowed to be buried
- 7 4 3 Burying may be practiced within the practices provided the refuse deposited in the pit shall not be less than one meter deep covered with soil to prevent the possible excavation of refuse by dogs cats and other pet animals Refuse/solid waste shall not be buried in a flood prone area
- 7 4 4 The local health officer shall prohibit burying of refuse/solid waste if this is found to be a nuisance
- 7 5 Feeding to Animals
- 7 5 1 Hog feeding of leftover food shall only be allowed provided it is thoroughly cooked
- 7 5 2 No leftover food shall be shipped or transferred from one town to another for hog feeding unless first cooked at 100 C for 30 minutes
- 7 6 Composting
- Compost or decaying organic matter/material may be used as a soil conditioner or when reinforced as fertilizer
- 7 7 Open Dumping
- Open dumps shall be prohibited In the event that open dumping disposal method is existing strict supervision by the local health authority shall be observed until after the disposal method is converted to an approved method
- 7 8 Dumping Into Bodies of Water
- Dumping of refuse/solid waste into streams rivers lakes esteros and other bodies of water shall be prohibited
- 7 9 Open Burning
- The outdoor burning of waste and the burnings of open waste dumps shall be prohibited
- 7 10 Other Waste Processing and Disposal Technologies
- 7 10 1 Other types or methods of solid waste processing and disposal such as incineration technology microwave technology and others shall be subject to compliance with pertinent laws and the rules regulations and standards set by appropriate government agencies
- 7 10 2 No waste processing and disposal technologies mentioned above (sub section 7 10 1) shall be allowed without an operating permit issued by the regional health office
- 7 10 3 Sanitary permit application and renewal shall be in accordance with subsection 3 2 of these implementing rules and regulations