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REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL VALIDATION
COMMITTEE, SEARCH FOR MODEL BARANGAYS
FOR ECO-WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources jointly with other convenors has launched the Nationwide Search for Model Barangays for Eco-Waste Management System 2006-2007. This search aims to:

- a. recognize and reward LGUs successfully implementing Ecological Solid Waste Management;
- b. highlight novel and creative Ecological Solid Waste Management approaches which can serve as models for other LGUs; and
- c. benchmark compliance to the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 (R.A. 9003).

2. In order to properly validate the entries in the Regional Level, a Regional Validation Committee will be formed, consisting of:

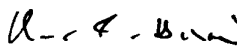
Chair: DENR Regional Executive Director/EMB Regional Director (or representative)

- Members:
1. Regional DILG representative
 2. Regional DepED representative
 3. One Environment NGO representative active in the region
 4. One Liga ng mga Barangay representative appointed by the National Liga.

3. Regional Directors shall designate one (1) representative from their region to the regional level committee for the screening of qualifiers for the said Search. The representative should have experience in Ecological Solid Waste Management implementation in a school, organization or office. Screening will start from December 16, 2006 to January 21, 2007.

4. Enclosed is a copy of the Entry Form and Guidelines/Mechanics of the Search.

5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Undersecretary

Encl.:

As stated

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COMMITTEES

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

SEARCH

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SELF-EVALUATION FORM (SEF-2006-07)

ENTRY FORM

Name/Number of Barangay _____ Cluster _____
 Municipality/City _____ Province _____ Level _____
 Region _____

Instructions:

1. The highest rating is 1000 merits. There are ten main items which have 100 merits as the highest rating. Each main item has several criteria with differing value
2. Every barangay shall honestly evaluate its rate of compliance for R.A. 9003, Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000.

I - EDUCATION

Maximum Merits	Barangay merits
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A. Ecological Solid Waste Management (ESWM) Training of government personnel, private citizens and other groups

a.1 Training of barangay personnel on ESWM		
o elected officials	10	
o executive staff	10	
o SWM personnel	10	
a.2 ESWM Training of private sector		
o environment NGO's and PO's	10	
o agricultural, business & industry sector representatives	10	
a.3 ESWM Training of officers/directors of residential associations - ex. Homeowners & Neighborhood Associations		
o If more than 50% of the number of private household associations	15	
o If more than 80%	15 (additional)	
a.4 Training of ESWM Trainers who will be in-charge of teaching the residents down to the street & household level		
o For 20 persons or less	10	
o For 21 persons and more	10	

B. Mobilization of Citizenry

b.1 Existence of a functioning barangay ESWM Trainers' Group - in charge of disseminating the concept and techniques of segregation at source, composting and recycling to the household level		
o For less than 2 years operation	10	
o For 3 years and more	10	

b.2	Existence of a volunteer ecology/environment group of concerned citizens from different private sectors		
	o From church/religious sector	10	
	o From academic/youth sector	10	
	o From civic / business sector	10	
b.3	Existence of a functioning Barangay Ecological Solid Waste Management Committee according to the requirements of R.A. 9003, properly documented		
	o Formed before 2006	10	
	o Formed before 2004	10 (additional)	
	o Formed before 2002	10 (additional)	
b.4	Existence of at least one private group which was born out of the awareness in ESWM (segregation, composting, recycling) and care for the environment. ex. Garden club, organic vegetable growers, etc.	20	

C. Media Campaign

c.1	Leaflets/handouts on "how to's of recycling/composting" for distribution to residents		
	o Distributed before 2006	10	
	o Distributed before 2004	10 (additional)	
	o Distributed before 2002	10 (additional)	
c.2	Picture album, drawings or diagrams, video, power point or any multi-media presentation showing the barangay ESWM program to visitors or to local residents.		
	o Containing pictures of facilities	10	
	o Containing diagrams explaining processed used	10 (additional)	
c.3	Posters, streamers and other outdoor signage types which promote ESWM to the public		
	o Containing prohibitions & penalties	10	
	o Containing creative, positive images	10 (additional)	
c.4	Coverage of ESWM project in any major newspaper, local tabloid or in any radio or television program		
	o Contained in local barangay newsletter	10	
	o Included in municipal or provincial newspaper	10 (additional)	
	o Featured on any radio or TV program	10 (additional)	

II - ENGINEERING

D. Segregation and Collection Facilities

d.1	Existence of a system of segregation at source (household, office, factory, etc.)		
	o More than 25% compliance	10	
	o More than 50% compliance	10	
d.2	Presence of a system of treating compostable waste at the source.	20	

d.3	Presence of a system to control odor and insects at collection area.	20	
d.4	Presence of a system of transporting segregated waste to the MRF or intermediate collection area	20	
d.5	Presence of an infrastructure or equipment for segregated collection.	20	

E. Materials Recovery Facility for Biodegradable Waste

e.1	Presence of a designated area which houses the composting operation of the barangay.	10	
	o Mere existence of composting facility, whether within or outside the barangay	10 (additional)	
	o When the composting facility is situated within the barangay		
e.2	Presence of an orderly system (including collection) and technology for composting which ensures uncontaminated processing.	10	
	o When biodegradable waste is clearly separated from non-biodegradables during transport and treatment at the MRF	10 (additional)	
	o When the final compost product is free from foreign matter like plastics, metals, etc.	20	
e.3	Presence of machines (ex. Chippers, shredders, sievers, etc.) which enhance the quality of compost production	10	
e.4	Use of enhancers (ex. enzymes, additives, bacteria, etc.) which increase the quality of copost products	10	
	o Use of commercial or branded enhancers	10	
	o Use of indigenous mixtures of organic enhancers	20	
e.5	Presence of an adequate number of trained personnel to run the composting operation.		

F. Materials Recovery Facility for Non-Biodegradable Waste

f.1	Presence of a main structure which houses the recycling operation of the Barangay for non-biodegradable waste	10	
	o Mere existence of storage facility or "bodega" for non-biodegradable waste, whether within or outside the barangay	10 (additional)	
	o When the storage facility is situated within the barangay	20	
f.2	Presence of an orderly system of collection and classification of factory returnables.	20	
f.3	Presence of an accounting and monitoring system to track the flow of recyclable materials in and out of the MRF system	20	
f.4	Presence of an adequate number of trained personnel to run the recycling operation.	20	
f.5	Presence of other creative re-use techniques/practices for materials which are not readily sellable	20	

III - ENFORCEMENT

G. 10-Year Plan: Incentives and Penalties

g.1	Presence of a Barangay ESWM plan adopted by the Sangguniang Barangay through an appropriate resolution.	30	
g.2	Existence of a system of awards and incentives for persons and entities which practice ESWM within the barangay.	30	
g.3	Presence of a system of applying penalties for violators of RA 9003.	20	
g.4	Existence of a deputation system to activate volunteers who will participate in enforcing RA 9003.	20	

H. Waste Reduction Program & Rehabilitation of Waterways, Drainage, etc.

h.1	Existence of a program or legislation to divert, minimize, or eliminate the use of voluminous packaging materials found in dumpsites, ex: Polystyrene materials, plastic shopping bags, non-recyclable packing materials, etc.	30	
h.2	Efficient maintenance of drainage systems and waterways within the Barangay to keep it free from garbage.	40	
h.3	Efficient maintenance of sidewalks and roads from litter.	30	

IV - ECONOMICS AND SUSTAINABILITY

i. Livelihood created and Financial Returns

i.1	Proof of financial viability of MRF operations as seen through a simple cost-benefit analysis or an income-expense statement.	20	
i.2	Existence of additional livelihood or jobs created directly by the ESWM program. Every job created = 1 merit, maximum of 30 merits.	30	
i.3	Existence of additional livelihood generated indirectly by the ESWM program. Every new employment = 1 merit, maximum of 30 merits.	30	
i.4	Identification of markets for products and resources coming from the MRF operation.	20	

V - SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

J. Miscellaneous Matters

j.1	Use of vermiculture (earthworm) technology in composting.	20	
j.2	Youth involvement in the ESWM program.	20	
j.3	Avoided costs in solid waste disposal (ex: Reduced dump trucks) quantified in terms of percentage of total volume of waste generated by the barangay.	10	
	o If more than 20% diversion from disposal		
	o If more than 50% diversion from disposal	10 (additional)	

i.4	Presence of community gardens developed from composting activities.		
	o When harvest benefits barangay employees and personnel	10	
	o When harvest is sold or distributed to the community	10 (additional)	
i.5	Absence of garbage piles, garbage dumping and open burning		
	o When the barangay is free from garbage piles or garbage dumping	10	
	o When the barangay is free from open burning of any type of waste (including garden waste)	10	
GRAND TOTAL		1,000	

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NATIONWIDE SEARCH MODEL BARANGAYS FOR ECO-WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (Guidelines and Mechanics)

I. BACKGROUND

Republic Act 9003, otherwise known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 was enacted on January 2001 with the view of generating greater multi-sectoral interest and partnership in addressing the solid waste management problem in the country today.

In response to this, a Nationwide Search for Model Barangays for Eco-Waste Management System 2006-2007 was initiated by the Search Organizers and Partners composed of representatives from DENR-EMB-NSWMC, DILG, Earth Day Network, League of Provinces, League of Cities, League of Municipalities, Liga ng mga Barangay, Zero Waste Recycling Movement of the Philippines Foundation, Inc. and other NGOs.

The Search aims to achieve the following objectives:

- a) To recognize and reward LGUs successfully implementing Ecological Solid Waste Management
- b) To highlight novel and creative ESWM approaches which can serve as models for other LGUs
- c) To generate data for benchmarking and monitoring R.A. 9003 compliance

II. CLASSIFICATION AND CRITERIA

All barangays will be categorized into 5 levels based on IRA (Internal Revenue Allotment) CY 2005, to facilitate an even-handed evaluation among barangays within the same income levels.

- Group A – Below P500,000 annual IRA
- Group B – Between P500,001 to P600,000
- Group C – Between P600,001 to P700,000
- Group D – Between 700,001 to P900,000
- Group E – P900,000 and above

The Search is more of a rating exercise, than a contest, to assess the national compliance of R.A. 9003. It applies a "self rating" system where participating barangays are encouraged to give an honest self-evaluation on their implementation of Ecological Solid Waste Management. The self-evaluation, designed to inculcate honesty in public service, shall be subject to review during the Search.

The ratings shall be based on the following criteria:

- a. Education: Ecological Solid Waste Management Training of government personnel, private citizens and other groups
- b. Education: Mobilization of Citizenry
- c. Education: Media Campaign
- d. Engineering: Segregation and Collection Facilities
- e. Engineering: Materials Recovery Facility for Biodegradable Waste
- f. Engineering: Materials Recovery Facility for Non-Biodegradable Waste
- g. Enforcement: 10-year Plan; Incentives and Penalties

- h. Enforcement: Waste Reduction Program and Rehabilitation of Waterways, Drainage, etc.
- i. Economics and Sustainability: Livelihood Created and Financial Returns
- j. Special Consideration: Miscellaneous Matters

III. VALIDATION COMMITTEES

MUNICIPAL/CITY LEVEL

a. Composition

The City/Municipal Validation Committee shall be composed of the following members: **Municipal/City ENRO or the person assigned by the mayor to handle Solid Waste Management, Community ENRO (CENRO) or Liga ng mga Barangay President, and Municipal/City DILG Officer.**

b. Functions

The Municipal/City Validation Team shall:

- o Accept and review Self Evaluation Forms (SEF-2006-07) and attachments submitted by barangays.
- o Validate entries submitted by site inspection.
- o Convene to determine whether to send a contestant from among the top barangays in every category to the Provincial Level.
- o Assist in the documentation of qualified barangays for the next level of the Search. Entry documents of barangays that were eliminated after validation shall be forwarded to the PENRO for data banking and benchmarking RA 9003 compliance.

Mayors are enjoined to provide incentives to the top qualifiers to entice more barangays to participate.

PROVINCIAL LEVEL

a. Composition

The Provincial Validation Committee shall be composed of the **Governor, as the Chairman, or the Board Member who is head of the Environment Committee; Provincial Liga ng mga Barangay President; Provincial DENR Representative; (PENRO), Provincial DILG representative and One Provincial Environment NGO representative.**

b. Function

The Provincial Search Committee shall:

- o Accept and review entries and attached documentation submitted by municipalities and cities.

- Validate and select qualifiers based on submitted documents and ocular inspections.
- Convene and prepare a shortlist of the top model barangays for the 5 levels of the Search.
- Select from the shortlist, the top barangay in every category that would be endorsed to the Regional Level.
- Prepare a final report justifying the selection of the top barangay per category for endorsement to the Regional Level. Entry documents of barangays that were eliminated after validation and selection shall be forwarded to the PENRO for data banking and benchmarking RA 9003 compliance.

Whenever possible, it is suggested that the Governor provide incentives to the top qualifiers.

REGIONAL LEVEL

a. Composition

The Regional Validation Committee shall be composed of the **DENR Regional Executive Director/EMB Regional Director or his representative, as chairman; Regional DILG representative; Regional DepEd representative; One Environment NGO representative active in the region; One Liga ng mga Barangay representative appointed by the National Liga.**

b. Functions

The Regional Validation Committee shall:

- Accept and review entries and attached report submitted by provinces.
- Validate and select qualifiers based on the following documents: self-rating with the accompanying documentation; ocular inspection report of the Provincial Validation Committee, final report of the Provincial Validation Committee justifying their selection of the best model barangay for each level.
- Convene and prepare a shortlist of the top model barangays for the 5 levels of the Search.
- Select from the shortlist, the top barangay in every category that would be endorsed to the National Level.
- Prepare a final report justifying the selection of the top barangay per category for endorsement to the National Level. Entry documents of barangays that were eliminated after validation and selection shall be forwarded to the DENR-EMB Regional office for data banking and benchmarking RA 9003 compliance.

Note: The NCR Search shall take place at the city/municipal level, but shall skip the provincial level. The finalists from every LGU of Metro Manila are automatically qualified to the Regional level. The NCR shall submit only one finalist for each of the 5 levels.

NATIONAL LEVEL

a. Composition

A National Search Committee shall be formed by the Earth Day Network Philippines which shall be composed of 15 individuals chosen from several sectors of environment advocacy groups, government agencies, previous Search winners, academe and private sector. A major criterion for membership in this committee is the individual's "hands-on" record in the implementation of R.A. 9003.

b. Functions

The National Search Committee shall:

- Accept and review entries and attached report submitted by Regional Validation Committees.
- Shortlist semi-finalists with a maximum of 3 entries per income group for a total of 15 entries.
- Come up and agree on the final criteria for evaluation.
- Form itself into several inspection teams to further evaluate the 15 semi-finalists using the final criteria.
- Conduct site visits to further evaluate the semi-finalists.
- Convene and select the final winners of the Search.
- Forward to the Secretariat, National Solid Waste Management Commission, DENR, 2nd Flr. HRD Bldg., DENR Compound, Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City all filled-out Self Evaluation Forms (including attachments) and Validation Reports of national qualifiers, finalists and winners for data banking purposes.

IV. ROLES OF MEMBER AGENCIES

• DILG

1. Disseminate information regarding the implementation of the Search.
2. Prepare memorandum circular on the assistance that shall be provided jointly by DILG and DENR on the implementation of the Search.
3. Represent the validation team at all levels.
4. Provide the information of the profile, location, local Chief Executive of a barangay, municipality, province and other information, if necessary.

• DENR

1. Disseminate information regarding the implementation of the Search.
2. Prepare memorandum circular on the assistance that shall be provided jointly by DENR and DILG on the implementation of the Search.
3. Represent the Validation Committee at all levels.
4. Ensure that the implementation and coordination of Search activities are properly undertaken at all levels.

- **LGUs**

1. Actively participate in the Search.
2. Provide support particularly to the Validation Committee in their respective levels.
3. Ensure the cooperation and proper coordination with concerned agencies involved in the Search.
4. Mayors and governors are enjoined to provide incentives to the top qualifiers in their areas of jurisdiction to entice more barangays to participate.

V. SEARCH MECHANICS

1. The Barangay Solid Waste Management Committees (BSWMCs), through the concerned Punong Barangay, shall self-rate its own barangay using Self Evaluation Form (SEF 2006-07). Entry forms may be secured from the office of the local DENR-PENRO/CENRO, DENR-EMB, Liga ng mga Barangay, or can be downloaded from the NSWMC Webpage, <http://denr.gov.ph/nswmc>.
2. Aside from the SEF 2006-07, each barangay shall also accomplish the Entry Form, indicating therein each barangay's profile and success story, inclusive of the photo evidences on eco-waste undertakings or best practices that shall also form part of the attachments. The above form and documents shall be submitted to the Municipal/City Validation Committee on or before October 2, 2006.
3. Upon receipt of the self-rated SE Forms of all barangays within a Municipality or City, the City/Municipal Validation Committee shall review and conduct on-site validation. Adjustment on the "self rating" may be made by the Validation Committee based on their inspection.
4. The Municipal/City Validation Committee shall then convene to determine whether to send a contestant from among the top barangays in every category to the Provincial Level. There may be cases where there will be no qualified barangays for a certain category. However, when there are many contenders, the maximum number of qualifiers for every category is 2 barangays. The documentation of the top barangays shall be sent to the Provincial Validation Committee not later than November 6, 2006.
5. Upon receipt of the endorsements from the Municipal/City Validation Committees, the Provincial Validation Committee shall evaluate qualifier-barangays and conduct on-site inspections if necessary. They shall convene and prepare a shortlist of the top model barangays for the 5 levels of the Search. The committee should attest to the fact that qualified short-listed barangays should possess outstanding achievement in order to be elevated to the Regional Level. The decision, accompanied by a report explaining the processed used, shall be forwarded to the Regional Validation Committee not later than December 1, 2006.
6. Upon receipt of the endorsements from the different Provincial Validation Committees, the Regional Validation Committee shall convene and prepare a shortlist of the top model barangays for the 5 levels of the Search. More than just the numerical score, the committee should consider the replicability factor of the model barangays in order to be elevated to the National Level. There shall only be one finalist for each of the 5 levels per region. The Regional Validation Committee shall select the model barangays which they believe

Step 6 Final meeting of National Search
Committee

April 2007

Step 7 Awarding

To be announced

VII. AWARDS/PRIZES

The National Search Committee shall award One (1) Model Barangay for each of the 5 levels based on IRA (Internal Revenue Allotment) CY 2005 for a total of Five (5) Model Barangays.

Group A – Below P500,000 annual IRA	- 1 Awardee
Group B – Between P500,001 to P600,000	- 1 Awardee
Group C – Between P600,001 to P700,000	- 1 Awardee
Group D – Between P700,001 to P900,000	- 1 Awardee
Group E – P900,000 and above	- 1 Awardee

The top model barangays for Ecological Solid Waste Management in each level will receive equivalent cash prizes. The rest will receive citations and consolation prizes.

Distinctions shall also be given to Municipalities, Cities and Provinces with outstanding programs on Ecological Solid Waste Management such as Best Overall Ecological Solid Waste Management Program, Best Practices in Bio-Waste Management, Recycling and Residual Waste Management.



2nd NATIONWIDE SEARCH FOR MODEL BARANGAYS FOR ECO WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM 2006-07

Secretariat: National Solid Waste Management Commission
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PROJECT: **NATIONWIDE SEARCH FOR MODEL BARANGAYS FOR ECO-WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM** - based on R.A. 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000.

PURPOSE: To recognize and qualify the efforts of barangays nationwide which have implemented R.A. 9003 and to provide incentives for those which have excelled.

FOREWORD: The event is more of a rating exercise, than a contest, to assess the national compliance of R.A. 9003. It applies a "self rating" system where participating barangays are encouraged to give honest self-evaluation on their implementation of Ecological Solid Waste Management. The self-evaluation, designed to inculcate honesty in public service, shall be subject to review during the Search.

OBJECTIVE: To help enforce RA 9003 by giving recognition, reward and support to barangays that segregate, compost, recycle and address residual waste; and issue warnings/penalties to those who don't. Technical assistance to interested barangays may be extended through the Earth Day Network and its member organizations.

MECHANICS: Criteria for rating focuses on the 4E's of Ecological Solid Waste Management:
1. Rationale I. Education, II. Engineering, III. Enforcement and IV. Economics.

All barangays will be categorized into 5 levels based on IRA (Internal Revenue Allotment) CY 2005, to facilitate an even-handed evaluation among barangays within the same income levels.

- Group A – Below P500,000 annual IRA
- Group B – Between P500,001 to P600,000
- Group C – Between P600,001 to P700,000
- Group D – Between 700,001 to P900,000
- Group E – P900,000 and above

The top model barangays for Ecological Solid Waste Management in each level that reach the national round will receive the grand prize of P1M each. The rest will receive consolation prizes.

Distinctions shall also be given to Municipalities, Cities and Provinces with outstanding programs on Ecological Solid Waste Management such as Best Overall Ecological Solid Waste Management Program, Best Practices in Bio-Waste Management, Recycling and Residual Waste Management.

2. SEARCH PROPER: **A. Municipal and City Level:**

The barangays at the municipal and city level shall undergo an honest "self-rating" exercise using the criteria provided by the Earth Day Network. The Municipal/City Liga ng mga Barangay Chapter shall require all member Barangay Ecological Solid Waste Management Committees (BESWMC) to submit the "self-rating" not later than **October 2, 2006**. A Validation Committee shall be formed to accept entries and shall be composed of the following agencies/persons:

1. Municipal/City ENRO or the person assigned by the mayor to handle Solid Waste Management.
2. Community ENRO (CENRO) or Liga ng mga Barangay President
3. Municipal/City DILG Officer

The Committee shall also validate and adjust the "self rating" of the barangays based on their assessment. This will ensure documentation of the progress of R.A. 9003 within the LGU.

The MENRO or head of the Solid Waste office of the LGU, CENRO and DILG officers shall meet to decide on whether to send a contestant from among the top barangays in every category within the LGU. There may be cases when there will be no qualified barangays for a certain category. However, when there are many contenders, the maximum number of qualifiers for every category is 2 barangays. In case a barangay qualifies, assistance shall be given by the MENRO/CENRO in the documentation of the said barangay for the next level of the Search. The documentation should highlight the efforts of the barangay officials and the community in addressing the 4 E's of ESW/M and other innovative programs. Choice of media to be used for documentation will depend on the LGU's capability.

It is also suggested that the Mayors provide incentives to the top qualifiers to entice more barangays to participate. The documentation of the top barangays shall be sent to the Provincial Solid Waste Management Board not later than **November 6, 2006**.

B. Provincial Level:

The Search at the Provincial Level shall be headed by the Provincial Solid Waste Management Board. All the municipal and city qualifiers shall be evaluated by the Provincial Validation Committee which shall consist of the following:

- Governor, as the Chairman, or the Board Member who is head of the Environment Committee;
- Provincial Liga ng mga Barangay President;
- Provincial DENR Representative; PLENRO
- Provincial DILG representative;
- One national/regional environment NGO representative.

The Committee shall select the top model barangays for the 5 levels of the Search. It may happen that the provincial committee does not find one qualifier for a certain level and/or may find more than one qualifier for a certain income level. In this case, they may send a maximum of two model barangays for a certain income level to the regional round of evaluation. On the other hand, they may decide not to send any qualifier for a certain level.

The selection of qualifiers shall be based on the submitted documents. The committee may also conduct ocular inspections to validate the accuracy of the reports. The committee should attest to the fact that the qualifiers should possess outstanding achievements in order to be recognized at the regional round. Whenever possible, it is suggested that the Governor provide incentives to the top qualifiers.

The decision, accompanied by a report explaining the process used, shall be forwarded to the DENR Regional office not later than **December 1, 2006**.

C. REGIONAL LEVEL:

A Regional Validation Committee shall be formed to screen the provincial qualifiers. The members shall be as follows:

- Regional Director of DENR or his representative, as chairman;
- Regional DILG representative;
- Regional DepEd representative;
- One Environment NGO representative (active in the region) with accreditation from the Earth Day Network to serve as its representative;
- One National Liga ng mga Barangay representative appointed by National Liga President James Marty Lim.

The objective of the Regional Validation Committee is to select the best model barangay for each of the five levels. The decision shall be based on the following set of documents:

- the self rating with the accompanying documentation;
- the ocular inspection report of the Provincial Validation Committee (if any);
- the final report of the Provincial Validation Committee justifying their selection of the best model barangay for each level.

There shall only be one finalist for each of the 5 levels per region, to reach the national search. The Regional Committee shall take a vote on the model barangay which they believe has created the greatest impact on the ground and which can serve as a good model for replication at the national level.

The result shall be submitted to the National Search Committee not later than **January 6, 2007**. The previous documentations made on the finalists shall be attached to the report of the Regional Committee.

Note: The NCR Search shall take place at the city/municipal level, but shall skip the provincial level. The finalists from every LGU of Metro Manila are automatically qualified to the Regional level. The NCR shall submit only one finalist for each of the 5 levels.

D. NATIONAL LEVEL:

There will be a maximum of 15 semi-finalists (1 per region) per income group at the national level. A maximum of 75 entries are expected to reach the national level.

A National Search Committee shall be formed by the Earth Day Network Philippines which shall be composed of 15 individuals chosen from several sectors of environment advocacy groups. A major criterion for membership in this committee is the individual's "hands-on" record in the implementation of R.A. 9003. The 15 slots shall be distributed as follows:

1. Earth Day Network nominee, who shall serve as the chairman
2. Representative from National Solid Waste Management Commission Secretariat
3. Representative from Barangay Linomot (2004 1st placer)
4. Representative from Barangay Panoytoy (2004 2nd placer)
5. Representative from Barangay Holy Spirit (2004 3rd placer)
6. NGO Representative of the National SWM Commission
7. Earth Day Network Luzon Coordinator
8. Earth Day Network Visayas Coordinator
9. Earth Day Network Mindanao Coordinator
10. Integrated Bar of the Philippines
- 11-15. Nominees from affiliated NGOs

The committee shall come up with a short-list of semi-finalists with a maximum of 3 entries per income group, for a total of 15 entries. The final criteria for evaluation shall be agreed upon by the committee.

The members of the National Search Committee shall then form itself into several "inspection teams" to further evaluate the 15 finalists using the new criteria. Site visits shall then be conducted by the Committee during the months of **February to March 2007**.

The final meeting of the National Search Committee shall be held in **April 2007** at the National Ecology Center, East Avenue, Quezon City. The winners shall be decided but the results kept confidential until the awarding ceremonies.

N.B. Any misrepresentation of entry/ies at any level will invalidate all entries within that particular level. This is to cull all entries marred by copying, plagiarism and similar acts of deceit.