

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL MAYORS OF METROPOLITAN MANILA
THE GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS OF
AND IN RIZAL, LAGUNA, CAVITE, BULACAN, PAMPANGA AND
BATAAN

SUBJECT : MANILA BAY CLEAN UP, REHABILITATION AND
PRESERVATION

Relative to the above-captioned subject, and in compliance with a Supreme Court EN BANC Decision promulgated on December 18, 2008, which reads in part, quote:

Pursuant to Title XII (Local Government) of the Administrative Code of 1987 and Sec. 25 of the Local Government Code of 1991, the DILG, in exercising the President's power of general supervision and its duty to promulgate guidelines in establishing waste management programs under Sec. 43 of the Philippine Environment Code (PD 1152), shall direct all LGUs in Metro Manila, Rizal, Laguna, Cavite, Bulacan, Pampanga and Bataan to inspect all factories, commercial establishments, and private homes along the banks of the major river systems in their respective areas of jurisdiction, such as but not limited to the Pasig-Marikina-San Juan Rivers, the NCR (Para aque-Zapote, Las Pi as) Rivers, the Navotas-Malabon-Tullahan-Tenejeros Rivers, the Meycauayan-Marilao-Obando (Bulacan) Rivers, the Talisay (Bataan) River, the Immus (Cavite) River, the Laguna De Bay, and other minor rivers and waterways that eventually discharge water into the Manila Bay; and the lands abutting the bay, to determine whether they have wastewater treatment facilities of hygienic septic tanks as prescribed by existing laws, ordinances, and rules and regulations. If none be found, these LGUs shall be ordered to require non-complying establishments and homes to set up said facilities or septic tanks within a reasonable time to prevent industrial wastes, sewage water, and human wastes from flowing into these rivers,


waterways, esteros, and the Manila Bay, under pain of closure or imposition of fines and other sanctions.

you are hereby directed to:

1. Immediately inspect all factories, commercial establishments, and private homes along the banks of major river systems, and other minor rivers and waterways that eventually discharge water into the Manila Bay, including lands abutting the bay, within your jurisdictions to determine whether they have wastewater treatment facilities or hygienic septic tanks as prescribed by existing laws, ordinances, and rules and regulations; and
2. Require non-complying establishments and homes to set up said facilities or septic tanks within a reasonable time to prevent industrial wastes, sewage water, and human wastes from flowing into these rivers, waterways, esteros, and the Manila Bay, under pain of closure or imposition of fines and other sanctions.

All concerned local authorities are likewise directed to submit their Quarterly Progressive Reports, starting CY 2009, with each report to reach the Office of the Secretary, this Department, through the Bureau of Local Government Supervision, before but not later than the last working day of the first week of the month immediately following the end of the quarter.

Please be guided accordingly.


RONALDO V. PUNO
Secretary 