OBSERVANCE OF THE WEEKLY CONDUCT OF CLEAN-UP DRIVE RELATIVE TO THE MANILA BAY CLEAN-UP, REHABILITATION, AND PRESERVATION PROGRAMMAN

Memorandum Circular No. 2019-09
January 24, 2019

# 1.0 Background

In light of the Supreme Court mandamus to clean up Manila Bay and in consideration of the potential health hazards, threat to food security, and impacts on biodiversity loss, there is a need for utmost attention and cooperation among the national government agencies and local government units in restoring the waters of Manila Bay to class SB level making it fit for swimming, skin –diving and other forms of contact recreation, and to preserve it thereafter.

One of the major objectives of the Manila Bay Clean-up, Rehabilitation and Preservation Program (MBCRPP) is to reduce the amount of solid waste ending up in water bodies and waterways. This entails the proper implementation of solid waste management, and the conduct of regular clean-ups in case stray solid waste material end up in said water bodies. In connection to this, the program also deals with information, education, and communication activities geared towards changing values and increasing participation of all stakeholders in meeting the objectives of the program.

A launching proper will be held on January 27, 2019 to instigate the conduct of weekly clean-up drives. The activity will be participated by national government agencies, local government units, non-government organizations, civil society organizations, academe, and other volunteers passionate to participate in the rehabilitation of Manila Bay.

## 2.0 Purpose

This Memorandum Circular is issued to direct all concerned LGUs to fulfill their roles and responsibilities pursuant to environment laws that contribute to the rehabilitation of Manila Bay, and to direct concerned DILG Regional Offices to ensure the effective compliance of the LGUs.

# 3.0 Legal Compliance

- 3.1. Section 20 of Republic Act No, 9275 or the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004 provides that Local Government Units shall share the responsibility in the management and improvement of water quality within their respective territorial jurisdictions.
- 3.2. Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code provides that barangays are required to deliver basic services which include, but not limited to, services and facilities related to general hygiene and sanitation, beautification, and solid waste collection.

# 4.0 Scope/Coverage

This policy shall cover the one hundred seventy-eight (178) City and Municipal Mayors and the five thousand seven hundred fourteen (5,714) Punong Barangays Covered by the MBCRPP, and DILG Regional Directors of Region III, Region IV-A, and the National Capital Region (NCR).

# 5.0 Policy Content and Guidelines

# 5.1. Roles of Cities, Municipalities, and Barangays

- 5.1.1. All 178 Cities and Municipalities, and all 5,714 Barangays in the Manila Bay Watershed Area shall organize a clean-up drive which shall be conducted in areas, such as, but not limited to, coastal areas and/or inland water systems in their respective localities on a weekly basis, starting on Sunday, January 27, 2019, and every Saturday thereafter.
- 5.1.2. A simultaneous clean-up drive, to include all cities, municipalities, and barangays in the Manila Bay Watershed Area, shall be conducted on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 7:00AM to mark the beginning of the weekly effort to rehabilitate Manila Bay.
- 5.1.3. LGUs may organize a network of volunteers, non-government organizations, civil society organizations, academe, etc. to encourage participation from different stakeholders in the conduct of the clean-up drives.

# 5.2. Roles of the DILG Regional, Provincial, and Field Offices

- 5.2.1. Monitor the conduct of weekly clean-up drives in their respective areas of jurisdiction.
- 5.2.2. Supervise the effective implementation of the activity, ensuring proper monitoring, documentation, and disposal of waste collected.
- 5.2.3. Ensure timely submission of LGUs' post-activity reports, to be consolidated and submitted to the DILG BLGS.

# 5.3. Reportorial Requirements

- 5.3.1. All concerned barangays shall submit a post-activity report on the conducted clean-up drive to their City/ Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer or equivalent every Tuesday of the succeeding week.
- 5.3.2. All concerned cities and municipalities shall consolidate data of barangay clean-up drives, and submit the consolidated report along with their post-activity report to the DILG Provincial or to the respective DILG Field Office, in the case of the National Capital Region, every Thursday of the succeeding week.
- 5.3.3. The post-activity report shall include, but not limited to, the following items:
  - a) Volume of collected solid waste in kilograms;
  - b) Barangay/s covered;
  - c) Length of area covered expressed in meters;
  - d) List of attendees and total number of volunteers;
  - e) Photo documentation; and
  - f) Details on Disposal.

Prescribed templates of the post-activity report are attached Annex "A" for barangays, and Annex "B" for cities/municipalities. Soft copy of the templates may be accessed through the url: <a href="http://tiny.cc/ManilaBayCleanUpDrive">http://tiny.cc/ManilaBayCleanUpDrive</a>

- 5.3.4. Reports by the barangays shall be duly signed by the Chairperson of the Committee on Environment or its equivalent, and, to be certified as true and correct by the Punong Barangay or the authorized representative. Reports by the cities and municipalities shall be signed by City/ Municipal Environment and Natural Resource Officer (M/C ENRO) or the designated alternate, and certified as true and correct by the Local Chief Executive.
- 5.3.5. Concerned DILG Regional Offices shall submit the consolidated data and reports of clean-up drives to the DILG BLGS every 5th day of the succeeding month through e-mail address: mbcrpp.blgs@gmail.com.

#### References 6.0

- 6.1. Republic Act No. 9275 otherwise known as the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004
- 6.2. Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991

#### 7.0 **Repealing Clause**

All DILG Memorandum Circulars inconsistent herewith in part or in full, are hereby modified, revoked, or repealed accordingly.

#### 8.0 **Effectivity**

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

#### 9.0 **Approving Authority**

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### 10.0 Feedback

For related queries, kindly contact the Bureau of Local Government Supervision at Tel Nos. (02) 876-3454 loc. 4211 or at email address at dilg.manilabaypmo@gmail.com.

(Form 1 for Barangay)

# MANILA BAY CLEAN UP, REHABILITATION AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

		Date				
	CONDUC	T OF WEE	KLY CLEAN-UF	DRIVE		
BARANGAY: _			CITY/MUN	IICIPALITY:		
A. Barangay	Clean-up Drive					
Date	Barangay	Water	ter Body/ way covered applicable)	Length Covered (in meters)	Volume of Waste Collected (in kilograms)	
Details on Disposal Othe			Other R <mark>ema</mark> r	r R <mark>emarks</mark>		
	cumentation (attac			drive here)		
Prepared by		umber or	Volunteers			
Committee Chair on Environment or authorized representative				Date	Date	
Certified Co	rrect:					
Punong Barangay or authorized representative				Dat	Date	

(Form 2 for City and Municipal)

# MANILA BAY CLEAN UP, REHABILITATION AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

# CONDUCT OF WEEKLY CLEAN-UP DRIVE

Week/F	Period Co	vered:		
PALITY:d Clean Up Drive		PRO	VINCE:	
Barangay	Water Body/ Waterway covered (if applicable)		Length Covered (in meters)	Volume of Waste Collected (in kilograms)
ails on Disposal			Other Remark	s
	PALITY:d Clean Up Drive  Barangay	PALITY:	PALITY: PRO  d Clean Up Drive  Water Body/ Waterway covered (if applicable)	Barangay  Water Body/ Waterway covered (if applicable)  Length Covered (in meters)

- B. Photo Documentation of LGU-Initiated Clean-up Drive
- C. List of Attendees and Total Number of Volunteers
- D. Consolidated of Weekly Barangay Initiated Clean-up Drive

No.	Date	Barangay	Water Body/ Waterway covered (if applicable)	Length Covered (in meters)	Volume of Waste Collected (in kilograms)	No. of Volunteers

Trepured by.	
C/M ENRO or authorized representative	Date
Certified Correct:	
Local Chief Executive or authorized representative	Date
Noted by:	
C/MLGOO	Date