MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2020-043

TO: All Economic Zone Locator Enterprises
    All Economic Zone Developers
    All PEZA Economic Zone Administrators / Managers / OICs

FROM: BGen Charito B. Plaza MNSA, PhD
       Director General

SUBJECT: Request for Information on the Approved Compliance Action Plans of Establishments Under Section 10 (Grace Period) of DAO 2016-08

DATE: 11 August 2020

All Economic Zone Developers and Economic Zone Locator Enterprises who have wastewater treatment plants (WTPs) and who have secured approval of their Compliance Action Plan (CAP) in connection with Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Administrative Order No. 2016-08 (DAO 2016-08): “Water Quality Guidelines and General Effluent Standards of 2016” are directed to provide the following information:

1. Name of Establishment;
2. Date of Approval of CAP;
3. Number of Years of Grace Period Granted; and,

This is in connection with PEZA’s request with DENR- Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) for an extension of the grace period for the implementation of EMB Memorandum Circular No. 001 series of 2019 (EMB MC 2019-001): “Supplementary Clarification on the Coverage of DAO 2016-08 relative to the Granting of Not More than Five (5) Years Grace Period”. The EMB has replied to PEZA’s request last 05 August 2020 that they will consider granting extension only upon presentation and review of the aforementioned information by PEZA.

For affected enterprises under the jurisdiction of the Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA), we encourage you submit the same information since in the past, the LLDA fully adopts DENR policies on the implementation of the Clean Water Act. Thus, there is value in submitting an appeal to both regulatory agencies.

Without the formal grant of extension, the EMB has emphasized that companies may be issued with a Notice of Violation (NOV) for the delay in the implementation of the CAP or be imposed with penalties of up to Php 10,000 per day under the Clean Water Act. Thus, we urge all affected enterprises to submit the aforementioned data to our Environmental Safety Group at ensd@peza.gov.ph not later than Friday, 14 August 2020.

We were given until the middle of August to submit our appeal, hence the short timeframe for submission.

For your compliance.