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# Philippine Economic Zone Authority

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TO : ECONOMIC ZONE ENTERPRISES  
ECONOMIC ZONE ADMINISTRATORS  
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY DIVISIONS

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Director General

SUBJECT : Conduct of Work Environment Measurement (WEM)

DATE : 12 April 2023

Based on the guidance of the Department of Labor and Employment – Bureau of Working Conditions (DOLE-BWC), and in accordance with the Occupational Safety and Health Standards (OSHS) Rule 1070 on Occupational Health and Environmental Control, **there is no exemption in the periodic conduct of the Work Environment Measurement (WEM).** Thus, all establishments must conduct WEM periodically as may be necessary but not to exceed a one-year interval since the conduct of WEM reduces risks affecting health and prevents occupational diseases for employees.

PEZA sought the advice of DOLE-BWC following the result of PEZA's survey, from 06 January 2023 to 31 January 2023, on the WEM requirement. PEZA presented the difficulty the economic zone enterprises are currently experiencing due to the limited number of WEM providers which are mostly situated in the National Capital Region. Recognizing these difficulties, DOLE-BWC suggested the following:

- Instead of conducting WEM for all parameters (i.e., *temperature, illumination, noise, humidity, ventilation, pressure and concentration of substances and chemicals*), **only three (3) parameters, specifically temperature, illumination and noise, shall apply for the low-risk establishments;**
- Since there shall only be three (3) parameters for the low-risk establishments, WEM can be conducted by OSH-trained personnel who have undergone the Basic Occupational Safety and Health (BOSH) and Industrial Hygiene training, and has acquired the necessary experience in WEM as per the requirement of OSHS Rule 1077.03; and
- For the low-risk establishments to gain the necessary trainings and experiences in WEM, PEZA, through its Environmental Safety Group (ESG) and Environment, Health and Safety Divisions (EHSDs), shall coordinate with the DOLE – Occupational Safety and Health Center or any of DOLE's accredited WEM providers for the conduct of the said trainings.

Should there be any questions, clarifications and/or concerns, please contact ESG through email address: [ensd@peza.gov.ph](mailto:ensd@peza.gov.ph) or telephone number: (+632) 8551-6561, or the EHSDs in your respective region.

For the compliance, information and guidance of all concerned.

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