




Philippine Economic Zone Authority

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FOR : Economic Zone Locator Enterprises
Economic Zone Developer Operators
Economic Zone Administrators and Managers

FROM : B/GEN CHARITO B. PLAZA, MNSA, PhD
Director General 

SUBJECT : Extension of Deadline for the Submission of Water
Safety Plan and Clarification on the Scope of Drinking
Water Service Provider

DATE : 01 October 2018

This is to inform the Economic Zone Locator Enterprises and Developers providing drinking water in the economic zones that the Department of Health (DOH) has extended the deadline for submission of Water Safety Plan (WSP) from 31 August 2018 to **28 February 2019**.

DOH communicated the new extension through a letter dated 13 August 2018 (please see Annex A). In the same letter, DOH also clarified that water service providers in the economic zones also fall under the category of drinking water service provider. As explained by DOH, drinking water is defined as water intended for human consumption or for use in food preparation and related processes as per DOH Administrative Order (AO) No. 2017-0010 or "Philippine National Standards for Drinking Water of 2017". It was explained further that although water service providers in economic zones mainly distribute their water for industrial use, the same industrial water is also used for domestic purposes which encompasses the definition of drinking water. Thus, water service providers in economic zones are within the scope of DOH AO No. 2014-0027 entitled "National Policy on Water Safety Plan for All Drinking-Water Service Providers".

For additional information and concerns, please contact PEZA Environmental Safety Group at Telephone Nos. (02) 551-34-51 loc. 221 / (02) 551-65-61 (telefax) or e-mail ensd@peza.gov.ph.

For your information and guidance.

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BGEN CHARITO B. PLAZA, PHD, MNSA
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Dear **Director General Plaza**:


This has reference to your letter dated 27 June 2018 requesting clarification on issues related to the implementation of Water Safety Plan Review at Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA).

Below are our response:

1. The Department of Health (DOH) Administrative Order (AO) No 2014-0027 entitled "National Policy on Water Safety Plan (WSP) for All Drinking-Water Service Providers" applies to all drinking water service providers. Drinking water is defined as water intended for human consumption or for use in food preparation and related processes as per AO No. 20017-0010 or "Philippine National standards for Drinking Water of 2017". While you have mentioned in your letter that the water service providers in the economic zones mainly distribute their water for industrial use, the same industrial water is also used for domestic purposes which encompasses the definition of a drinking-water. This means that latter are within the scope of the AO.
2. We understand that most water service providers need more time to learn and develop a WSP and this Office hereby confirms your request for an extension to comply with the AO for another 6 months from end of August 2018.
3. The DOH has not yet established a standard fee for the WSP Review, hence we reiterate as provided in the AO for the deputized and authorized agencies to set the amount. The fee shall consider the time and number of persons involved in the process including the needed materials and supplies.
4. We are designating Engr. Joselito M. Riego de Dios, Chief Health Program Officer, Environmental Health Division, Disease Prevention and Control Bureau, DOH as National representative and the respective Regional Coordinator of the DOH Regional Offices, as official representatives of the Department to PEZA's Cluster WSP Review Committee.

We hope this clarifies the matter and thank you for your continuous support on this endeavor.

Very truly yours,


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