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NEGROS ISLAND REGION

OFFICE MEMORANDUM
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DESIGNATION OF DR. MISHELL MARIE GABAS AND RODNEY S. ZAMORA AS PERMANENT AND ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

To: Chief, Education Support Services Division

1. In connection with the received communication from the **Department of Health – Negros Island Region Interagency Committee on Environmetal Health,** the designated Permanent and Alternate Focal Persons are the following:
   - Mishell Marie Gabas, Medical Officer IV – Permanent Focal
   - Rodney Zamora, Nutritionist Dietician II – Alternate Focal

2. They are hereby directed to coordinate with the concerned agencies and offices, participate in relevant meetings and activities, and facilitate the implementation of agreed initiatives.

3. The Permanent Focal Person shall lead the coordination and ensure the timely submission of updates and reports on this Office. The Alternate Focal Person shall provide support and assume the corresponding responsibilities in the absence or unavailability of the Permanent Focal Person.

4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

RAMIR B. UYTICO EdD, CESO III
Regional Director

MMG/ESSD/OM/Designation of Dr. Mishell Marie Gabas and Rodney S. Zamora as Permanent and Alternate Representatives to the Inter-Agency Committee on Environmental Health
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Negros Island Region - Regional Environmental Health Action Plan (REHAP) 2028



MISSION

A healthy, resilient, and environmentally sustainable Negros Island Region where every community enjoys safe environments through collaborative governance, evidence-based action, and equitable access to environmental health services.

VISION

To strengthen environmental health systems in the Negros Island Region by fostering intersectoral partnerships, advancing evidence-informed policies and programs, empowering communities, and promoting healthy, climate-resilient environments that protect and improve the health and well-being of every Negrense.

Strategic Areas:

1. Intersectoral Partnerships and Collaborative Governance
2. Research and Risk Assessment
3. Implement Healthy Public Policies
4. Foster Health - Supportive Environments
5. Strengthen Personal and Community Capacities
6. Reorient Health Services

Strategic Area 1: Intersectoral Partnerships and Collaborative Governance

I. Description: Strengthens coordination among government agencies, LGUs, private sector, academe, and civil society to ensure unified planning, resource sharing, accountability, and effective implementation of environmental health programs.
II. Key Question: **Who should work together?**
III. Examples: Interagency collaborations/ TWGs, MOAs, Joint inspections

Technical Working	Programs/ Activities/ Projects	Agency Responsible	Means of Verification	Performance Indicators	Implementation Timeline

Technical Working Group	Programs/ Activities/ Projects	Agency Responsible	Means of Verification	Performance Indicators	Implementation Timeline	
					2027	2028

Group					2027	2028
Safe Water Supply, Sanitation & Health	1. Ensure Water Quality Improvement and Surveillance for LGU point water sources (MOA with DOH Accredited Laboratory)	DOH	MOA with DOH accredited water laboratory Inventory of water testing result	_ % increase in FHSIS (Access to Safe Water)	Q1-Q4	Q1-Q4
	2. Strengthen the LDWQMCs	DOH	Accomplished/Passed LDWQMC Functionality Assessment Tool		Q3	Q3
	3. Compilation of Water Flow Accounts	PSA	Survey Results			
	4. Establishment of a Regional Food and Water Laboratory in Negros Island Region • DOH-DOST Alignment Meeting with MDW	DOH,DOST	MOU/MOA	Project approved/funded		Q4
Air Quality & Health	1 Provide timely and accurate data of registered vehicles to DENR for Air Quality Monitoring.	LTO	Reports submitted to DENR	100% submission of regional data of agency reports	Q1	
	2					
	3					
Solid Waste Management & Health	1. Assessment of Local Waste Management Boards	DILG			Q	Q
	2					
	3					

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					2027	2028
Chemical Safety & Health	1. Establishment of Toxicology Referral Network	DOH				
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	3					
Food Safety & Health	1					
	2					
	3					
Occupational Health & Safety	1					
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Strategic Area 2: Research and Risk Assessment

I. Description: Generates scientific evidence through surveillance, monitoring, research, and risk assessment to support evidence-based planning, policy development, and environmental health interventions.
II. Key Question: **What are the risks and evidence?**
III. Examples: Research and Laboratory Capacity, Surveillance, Sampling

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Safe Water Supply, Sanitation & Health	1					
	1. Support to Provincial Water Laboratory Operation (Grant-in-Aid to PLGU Siquijor; lab established in 2025)	DOST	DOH Certificate of Accreditation; Inventory of test results			
	3					
Air Quality & Health	1. Develop an action plan for the control and management of air pollution from motor vehicles consistent with the Integrated Air Quality Framework such as, but not limited to, inspection and motoring private emission testing centers in the region.	LTO	Inspection of private emission testing in NIR	100% of PETCs in NIR are consistent with the Integrated Quality Framework set by DENR (in relation to the reduction of emission)	Q2	
	3					
Solid Waste Management & Health	1					
	2.					
	3					
Chemical	1.					

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					2027	2028
Safety & Health						
	2					
	3					
Food Safety & Health	1					
	2					
	3					
Occupational Health & Safety	1. Technical Advisory Visit (TAV) and inspections	DOLE				
	2					
	3					

Strategic Area 3: Implement Healthy Public Policies

I. Description: Develops, harmonizes, and strengthens policies, standards, guidelines, and regulations that protect public health and promote healthy environments.
II. Key Question: **What policies should guide action?**
III. Examples: **Policies and Mandates, regional circulars/ advisories**

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Working Group		Responsible			2027	2028
Safe Water Supply, Sanitation & Health	1					
	2					
	3					
Air Quality & Health	1 RC No. 2026-0031.pdf : Immediate Health Measures for the Deteriorating Health Quality in Specific Areas of Negros Island Region	DOH	Signed Policy			
	2					
	3					
Solid Waste Management & Health	1					
	2					
	3					
Chemical Safety & Health	1,					
	2					

Technical Working Group	Programs/ Activities/ Projects	Agency Responsible	Means of Verification	Performance Indicators	Implementation Timeline	
					2027	2028
	3					
Food Safety & Health	1					
	2					
	3					
Occupational Health & Safety	1					
	2					
	3					

Strategic Area 4: Foster Health - Supportive Environments

I. Description: Promotes safe, healthy, climate-resilient, and environmentally sustainable communities, workplaces, schools, and public spaces through environmental improvements and resource conservation.
II. Key Question: **How do we create healthier environments?**
III. Examples: Green initiatives, Service delivery, Commodities, WASH

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					2027	2028
Safe Water	1 Augmentation of commodities:	DOH	Allocation List	100% PHO/HUC	Q2-Q3	Q2-Q3

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					2027	2028
Supply, Sanitation & Health	• Water test kits • Portable incubators • Troclosene sodium tabs			augmented.		
	2. Promotion of technologies available, e.g., DOST-ITDI SAFEWATRS (solar-powered water filtration system) for adoption by LGUs and communities	DOST	Activity reports; MOU/MOA (technology adoption)	No. of technologies promoted; No. of technologies adopted No. of technology adopters	Q1-Q4	Q1-Q4
Air Quality & Health	1. Conduct social media campaigns through our Districts and Regional Office's social media pages on Anti-Smoke Belching Enforcement.	LTO	Social media posts: Anti smoke belching enforcement	Reached at least 10,000 engagement	Q1	
	2. Promotion of electric vehicle technologies (e.g. e-trike) for adoption by LGUs and the transportation sector	DOST	Activity reports; MOU/MOA (technology adoption)	No. of technologies promoted No. of technologies adopted No. of technology adopters	Q1-Q4	Q1-Q4
	3					
Solid Waste Management & Health	1. Composting Facilities for Biodegradable Wastes (CFBW) under Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM)	DA				
	2. Promotion of solid waste management technologies (biogas, plastics upcycling, etc.) for adoption by LGUs, firms, and communities	DOST	Activity reports; MOU/MOA (technology adoption)	No. of technologies promoted; No. of technologies adopted No. of technology adopters	Q1-Q4	Q1-Q4
	3.					

Technical Working Group	Programs/ Activities/ Projects	Agency Responsible	Means of Verification	Performance Indicators	Implementation Timeline	
					2027	2028
Chemical Safety & Health	1					
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	3					
Food Safety & Health	1. Augmentation of commodities for FWBD - Oral Rehydration Salts	DOH	Allocation List		Q3	Q3
	2					
	3					
Occupational Health & Safety	1					
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Strategic Area 5: Strengthen Personal and Community Capacities

I. Description: Builds the competencies of environmental health workers and empowers communities through education, capacity-building, participation, and behavioral change initiatives
II. Key Question: **How do we build people's capacity?**
III. Examples: Advocacy/ Awareness, campaigns, Community engagement, Trainings, Capacity Building

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Safe Water Supply, Sanitation & Health	1 PD 856 Training • WASH and WASHiE Training • Water Safety Plan (WSP) and LDWQMC Surveillance	DOH	Certificates of Training	100% PHO/HUC trained	Q2	Q2
	2					
	3					
Air Quality & Health	1. Integration of Clean Air Education Drives in LTO NIR's Free Driving Courses through the LTO Driving Education Center.	LTO	Certification of participation	100% of the courses included	Q1	
	2. Training and Consultancy on Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) for industry	DOST	Activity reports	No. of training activities No. of consultancy activities No. of firms assisted	Q1-Q4	Q1-Q4
	3					
Solid Waste Management & Health	1. PD 856 Training (Code on Sanitation)	DOH	Certification		Q2-Q3	Q2-Q3
	3.					
	2. HCWM Training	DOH (HFDI	Certification		Q3	

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		and EOH)				
	3. DPWH Quantity of Collected Recyclable Materials Monthly Report (Department Order No.2 Series of 2025.) do_002_s2025.pdf	DPWH				
	4. Training on Local Sustainable Sanitation Plan	DOH	Certifications		Q3	Q3
Chemical Safety & Health	1					
	2					
	3					
Food Safety & Health	1. Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) - Pre-assessment of Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) Certification	DA	Certificates		Q	Q
	2. Organic Regulations - Inspection of Core Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) Group for Certification - Monitoring of Certified and Accredited Core PGS Group	DA	Certifications		Q	Q
	3. Certificate endorsed and issued for Renewal of Poultry, Livestock and by-products handlers and transport carriers in compliance to AO #08	DA-BAI			Q	Q
	4. Food Development Program for Food Manufacturers/Food Processors	DTI	Certifications: MSMEs with valid FDA-LTO		Q	Q

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	5. Training on FWBD Emergency Response	DOH	Certifications		Q3	
	6. Training and Consultancy on Food Safety, Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)	DOST	Activity reports	No. of training activities No. of consultancy activities No. of firms assisted	Q1-Q4	Q1-Q4
Occupational Health & Safety	1. BOSH Training	DOLE	Certifications for Safety Officer 2			
	2. Healthy Workplace Orientation	DOH	Certificates of Orientation		Q	
	3					

Strategic Area 6: Reorient Health Services

I. Description: Enhances health systems by strengthening environmental health workforce, integrating environmental health into service delivery, improving preparedness, and promoting preventive and climate-resilient health services.
II. Key Question: **How should the health system respond?**
III. Examples: Prevention, Emergency Preparedness and Response (WASHiE)

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					2027	2028
Safe Water	1. WASH in Schools	DepEd			Q	Q

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					2027	2028
Supply, Sanitation & Health	2. Healthy Learning Institutions	DOH				
	2					
	3					
Air Quality & Health	1. Integration of Clean Air Education Drives in LTO NIR's Free Driving Courses through the LTO Driving Education Center.	LTO				
	2					
	3					
Solid Waste Management & Health	1.WASH in Schools	DepEd			Q	Q
	2. ZOD Program	DOH		Access to Basic Sanitation Facility		
	3					
Chemical Safety & Health	1					
	2					
	3					

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Food Safety & Health	1. Animal Diseases and monitoring, Surveillance and early warning services/Activities for Rabies, Foot and Mouth Diseases, African Swine Fever, Avian Influence and other economic Diseases	DA			Q	Q
	2. Halina't Magtanim ng Prutas at Gulay (HAPAG) sa Barangay Project	DILG			Q	Q
	3. Standardization of Schools Based permits for Food handlers	DepEd	Conduct of event		Q	Q
Occupational Health & Safety	1. From workforce to Well Force Program for DILG NIR (including provinces/HUC)	DILG				
	2. Quarterly Conduct of Earthquake Drills 3. Semestral Conduct of Fire Drills	OCD - lead BFP - lead ALL	Conduct of event		Q1-Q4	Q1-Q4
	3. Implementation of Public Service Continuity Plan	ALL				

KEY AGREEMENTS: NIR IACEH Q3 Meeting

TWG	Key Agreement	Agency	Timeline
	Identification of NIR IACEH Focals per NGA and inclusion to the Viber GC to facilitate active communication	ALL	Q3 2026
	Attendance to the Q4 2026 NIR IACEH Meeting for the completion of the REHAP	ALL	Q4 2026

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					2027	2028
Safe Water Supply, Hygiene & Health	Determine standardized guidelines to determine augmentation, based on MASU Baseline data of supplies (per PHO/HUC if applicable (check with MASU)	DOH			Q4 2026	
	Determine criteria for: Subsidy for Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance - Determine baseline capacity of LGUs (municipality class) - Determine point water sources - Determinal proximity to accredited DOH Water laboratory	DOH			Q3 2026	
	Coordinate with HFDU and RLED for inventory of DOH accredited laboratory services	DOH			Q3 2026	
Air Quality & Health	Discuss with EMB-DENR: Integrated Air Quality Framework - Emission reduction goals for NIR - Mt. Kanlaon and SNGA Air Quality Parameters, Central Negros Airshed	DOH				
Occupational Safety & Health	Furnish letters to NGAs for the designation of Safety Officer	DOH			Q3 2026	
	Lobby to HPCU for conduct of Healthy Workplace Orientation (Zoom Platform) for all NGAs	DOH			Q3-Q4 2026	

Agency	Status of Appointment	Full Name of Focal Person	Position	Contact Number	Email	Full Name of Alternate Focal Person	Status of Appointment	Position	Contact Number	Email
DTI - NIR	Permanent	Ms. Juliet B. Banogon	Provincial Director/Concurrent Acting Assistant Regional Director		JulietBanogon@dti.gov.ph / r07.negrosoriental@dti.gov.ph					
DOH NIR CHD		Eina Corrine Estrosos	Health Program Officer II							
DOST - NIR	Permanent	Angie Lynn C. Barcoma	Senior Science Research Specialist	09176772255	alcbarcoma.nir@gmail.com					
DA - NIR										
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PSA - NIR										
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DOE - NIR (Visayas Field Office)										

October 21, 2026

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
NEGROS ISLAND REGION INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (NIR - IACEH) Q4 MEETING

I. ATTENDEES

1. **DR. LEILA JEAN S. BUCOL,** Medical Officer III, NIR CHD
2. **MR. NEO WALTER TED B. FOLGO,** HPO II, NIR CHD
3. **ENGR. SAM LOUISE C. FEGIDERO,** HPO II, NIR CHD
4. **ENGR. JERSHWIN VAN MONTAÑO,** HPO II, NIR CHD
5. **MS. EINA CORRINE ESTROSOS,** HPO II, NIR CHD
6. **MS. FRANCHEZKA LOUISE S. SALCEDO**, HPO II, NIR CHD
7. **MR. LOUISE M. ANO-OS**, HPO I, NIR CHD
8. **MR. AMBRIANNE M. GUPALOR**, HPO I, NIR CHD
9. **MR. JOHN CARLO JIMENEZ**, HPO I, NIR CHD
10. **MR. ELJOHN B. IBAÑEZ**, ENGR II, DPWH NIR
11. **ANGLIE LYNN C. BARCOMA**, SENIOR SRS, DOST NIR
12. **LLOYD PATRIMONIO**, EMS II, DENR-EMB
13. **LOUIE MORANDARTE**, EnMO, DENR-EMB
14. **JULIET B. BANOGON**, ACTING ARD, DTI-NIR
15. **JOEVILYN S. ARIESGA**, SS II, PSA NIR
16. **RODNEY S. ZAMORA**, ND II, DEP ED NIR

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at **09:03 AM** on **October 21, 2026.**

III. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING

The meeting opened with the roll call of participants facilitated by Mr. Louise M. Ano-os. The opening remarks were delivered by Ms. Eina Corrine E. Estrosos, who welcomed the participants and emphasized the importance of inter-agency coordination in addressing environmental and health concerns in the Negros Island Region (NIR).

Mr. Louise M. Ano-os presented the key agreements from the previous RIACEH meeting, including updates on the RIACEH Focal Directory. The presentation served as a reference for monitoring previous commitments and identifying matters requiring further action.

Ms. Jovielyn Ariesga of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) presented the PSA RSSO NIR initiatives, highlighting the SEEA Learning Session, Resolution No. 5, s. 2005, and the preparation of the SEEA Central Framework for Water Flow Accounts (WFA) data collection in NIR. The presentation also covered the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (FDES) 2013 and its application in environmental data collection and compilation.

Updates on the Regional Compendium of Environment Statistics (RCES) NIR were also presented. The PSA reported that the baselining of available environmental data in the region was ongoing. The RCES covers six components, three of which were for validation at the Central Office, while data collection for the remaining components was still in progress.

For the Water Flow Accounts (WFA) NIR, focusing on water resources and use, the presenter reported that the activity had been conducted in September and that data collection had commenced. The discussion covered the Philippine water resources, including surface water, groundwater, and rainfall, as well as water allocation, environmental accounting under the SEEA Central Framework, and the International Recommendations for Water Statistics. Other topics included physical flow accounting diagrams, physical flows of water, applications and structure of water accounts, physical flows of water and economic units, the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC), the Philippine Standard Industrial Classification (PSIC), and accounting and balancing.

The presentation further highlighted the relevance of WFA to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6.4, particularly Indicator 6.4.1, which measures changes in water-use efficiency over time, and Indicator 6.4.2, which measures the level of water stress. The PSA stated that WFA compilation was targeted for completion within the year; however, no specific timeline had yet been established for the release of the results.

Mr. Lloyd of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources–Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) NIR presented an overview of the agency's functions, mandates, and environmental regulations. The presentation discussed the major environmental laws implemented by the agency, including Presidential Decree No. 1586, or the Environmental Impact Statement System, which involves environmental impact assessment and procedural screening; Republic Act No. 6969, concerning the control of toxic substances and hazardous and nuclear wastes; Republic Act No. 8749, or the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999; Republic Act No. 9275, or the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004; and Republic Act No. 9003, or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000.

Under the Clean Air Act, the presenter discussed the creation of City/Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Offices (C/MENROs), DENR Administrative Order No. 2000-81, which provides the implementing rules and regulations of the law, and the National Ambient Air Quality Guideline Values and Air Quality Index standards developed in coordination with the Department of Health (DOH). For the Clean Water Act, the presentation highlighted the Sagip Ilog Program and the classification of 22 water bodies and priority rivers according to their best usage. It was also noted that there was currently no environmental laboratory in NIR.

The discussion included the need for additional data to support the preparation of Water Flow Accounts. Concerns regarding the enforcement of the Clean Water Act were also raised, particularly the roles of DENR-EMB and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG). It was noted that DENR-EMB would take the lead on relevant enforcement concerns, while DILG had issued instructions to local government units (LGUs) to monitor compliance with applicable requirements during business permit applications and renewals.

Mr. John Carlo Jimenez conducted an orientation on the Healthy Workplace Program, citing Department of Health Administrative Order No. 2021-0063, or the Health Promotion Framework Strategy 2030. The presentation defined a healthy workplace and explained that the Healthy Workplaces Program establishes standards for promoting a safe, healthy, and supportive working environment. Joint Administrative Order No. 2023-0001, or the National Policy Framework on the Promotion of Healthy Workplace, was also discussed, along with the role of the Healthy Workplace National Technical Working Group.

He discussed the four pillars of a healthy workplace: Physical Work Environment, Psychosocial Environment, Personal Health Resources, and Enterprise Community Involvement. The four Healthy Workplace FITools were also presented, with explanations of their respective contents. QR codes and links were provided to enable participants to access copies of the tools for reference and possible use in their respective offices.

Mr. Neo Walter Ted Folgo presented the resolution of the Integrated Food Safety System and highlighted the importance of joint inspections with other concerned agencies. The discussion emphasized inter-agency collaboration in strengthening food safety implementation,

improving regulatory coordination, and supporting the effective enforcement of applicable food safety requirements.

Ms. Eina Corrine E. Estrosos presented the draft Regional Environmental Health Action Plan (REHAP) 2028 for the committee's review and consideration. Following the presentation, Dr. Leila Jean Bucol emphasized the need to finalize the REHAP within October. The participants were encouraged to use the RIACEH group chat for questions, clarifications, and further coordination regarding the proposed plan. It was also agreed that the REHAP file would be emailed to all participants for their reference and review.

ARD Juliet B. Banogon of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) requested the latest available water-related data in preparation for El Niño. The request aimed to identify critical areas, understand potential water resource constraints, and support appropriate planning and preparedness measures. ARD emphasized that the data should be specific to NIR rather than aggregated at the national level.

In response, Ms. Joevilyn S. Ariesga of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) explained that the currently available data were primarily at the national level and noted that currently, the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) was the identified source of province-level water data. Mr. Neo Walter Ted Folgo proposed inviting representatives from NWRB to the next RIACEH meeting to present available water resources data and provide relevant information to support regional planning. The PSA also mentioned coordinating with the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) regarding the NWRB data.

After discussion, the committee agreed to send a formal request to NWRB through NIA for the latest available water resources data for NIR. The DOH was tasked with drafting the request letter within the week. ARD Juliet B. Banogon emphasized the urgency of obtaining the data and stated that raw data would be acceptable for initial assessment and analysis, provided these were the latest available information.

The ARD Juliet B. Banogon also requested copies of the presentations delivered during the meeting for reference and further review. The concerned secretariat were expected to facilitate the provision of the requested materials.

IV. KEY AGREEMENTS

The PSA shall facilitate the provision of the latest available water-related data for the Negros Island Region (NIR) to support preparedness and response efforts for El Niño. The DOH NIR CHD shall draft a formal request letter addressed to the National Water Resources Board (NWRB), through the National Irrigation Administration (NIA), requesting the necessary water resources data for NIR, preferably the latest available data, to support regional planning and decision-making.

DENR-EMB and DOH shall strengthen inter-agency coordination by conducting joint inspections in response to health-related complaints, as appropriate to their respective mandates and areas of responsibility.

DTI shall introduce and promote appropriate technologies that may assist local government units (LGUs) in addressing solid waste management and energy-related concerns, with the aim of supporting sustainable and effective local solutions.

DOH and the TWG shall work together to implement the Regional Inter-Agency Resolution on Food Safety and strengthen coordination among concerned agencies in conducting food safety monitoring activities to promote compliance with food safety standards and regulations.

V. NEXT MEETING

The schedule of the **next meeting will be around the 2nd Quarter of 2027.**

VI. ADJOURNMENT

With all matters discussed, the meeting ended at **12:25 PM**.

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