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SUBJECT : DEFERMENT OF THE CONDUCT OF BASIC AND ADVANCE TRAINING FOR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICERS FOR RENEWAL PURPOSES

Pursuant to Sec. 11 (Renewal of PCO Accreditation) of DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2014-02 or the Revised Guidelines for Pollution Control Officer (PCO) Accreditation, the PCO accreditation shall be renewed every three (3) years provided that he/she has completed at least forty (40) hours of cumulative relevant PCO Training.

Accreditation of PCO based on DAO 2014-02 started in 2015 with the EMB-recognized PCO Training Organizations conducting the 40-hour basic PCO training following the EMB-prescribed modules. As such, PCO are required to renew their accreditation and prior to accreditation, a 40-hour PCO training is necessary.

The Advance Training Modules (ATM) to be used during the advance training for PCO is currently in the process of deliberation and finalization. The EMB-prescribed PCO ATM is being developed in order to ensure uniformity and standardization of all materials to be used in the training. As such, training organizations are prohibited to conduct PCO ATM to be used for renewal of PCO accreditation, until the official ATM have been fully crafted and officially released for utilization.

Hence, all Pollution Control Officers accreditation that are due for renewal are temporarily deferred and the PCO shall not be required to undertake the basic PCO training again for renewal purposes but he/she can still act as PCO in hold-over capacity. Moreover, the memorandum signed by Director Gilbert C. Gonzales dated 14 July 2016 on the limitation of EMB staff to act as resource speakers for the EMB-recognized training organizations is still in effect.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

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