

**EMB Memorandum
Circular No. 2019-003
dated March 26, 2019**

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DEFINITION OF TERMS

Philippine Environmental Impact Statement was introduced in 1977 with the issuance of the Philippine Environmental Policy Law through Presidential Decree 1151. The law provides the rationale for the EIS System and led to the issuance of PD 1586 in 1978 that established the Philippine Environmental Impact Statement System (PEISS)

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Pursuant to Section 4 of PD 1586, no person, partnership or corporation shall undertake or operate any such declared environmentally critical project or area without first securing an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC).

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

-process that involves evaluating and predicting the likely impacts of a project.

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

-document issued by the DENR EMB after a positive review of an ECC Application, certifying that based on the representations of the proponent, the proposed project or undertaking has complied with all requirements of the EIS System and has committed to implement its approved Environmental Management Plan to address the Environmental Impacts.

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CERTIFICATE OF NON COVERAGE

-a certification issued by the EMB certifying that, based on the submitted project description, the project is not covered by the EIS System and is not required to secure an ECC.

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CATEGORY B Projects

-projects or undertakings which are not classified as Environmentally Critical Project (ECP) under Category A but which are likewise deemed to significantly affect the quality of the environment by virtue of being located in Environmental Critical Area (ECA).

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- ▶ EMB Central Office shall handle the review of all applications falling under classification of Environmentally Critical Projects (ECP) or Category A, and projects with new technology that will require a Third Party Reviewer. The review of which shall be subjected to a Review Fund.
- ▶ Project located in an Environmentally Critical Area (ECA) and categorized as Category B projects, shall be reviewed by the EMB Regional Office without the assistance of Third Party reviewer, hence review fund shall no longer be imposed.
- ▶ All applications for Category B projects shall be process and approved, if complete, within seven (7) days from receipt online.

- ▶ Advisory: In line with the implementation of MC 2019-003, please ensure that all applications are acted upon within the prescribed period indicated in the R.A. 11032 (Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018):
- ▶ 1) Application must be screened and returned to applicant (for payment/submission of deficiencies) within 7 working days from the receipt of the documents.
- ▶ 2) Application must be processed and decided within 7 working days from the receipt of a valid proof of payment. Applications beyond prescribed period will be tagged in relation with Rule XIII of the R.A. 11032.

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- ▶ Updated Guidelines in the Processing and Issuance of ECC for Category B Projects thru the EMB Online System
- ▶ ECC Online Application Procedures:
 - ▶ 1. Visit EMB-EIA Website and register to have an ECC Online account by filling out forms providing proponent's information;
 - ▶ 2. Encode the project information in the ECC Online System to verify if the proposed project will qualify in the online process;
 - ▶ 3. Once qualified, the system will prompt the proponent to fill out the IEE Checklist form including the following, in electronic/PDF files, to wit:

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- ▶ - Site Development Plan/Vicinity Map/Sketch Map signed by registered professional
- ▶ - Project plant lay-out signed by registered professional
- ▶ - Geo-tagged photographs of proposed project site
- ▶ - Proof of authority over the project site (e.g. Land title, Lease Contract, Deed of Sale, whichever is applicable)
- ▶ - Certificate of Viability or Zoning Certification/Clearance issued by the concerned LGU
- ▶ 4. After filling out completely the required fields, an Order of Payment will be generated by the system for printing together with instruction to proceed with the payment at any Land Bank branch nationwide;

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- ▶ 5. After payment of fees, submit Online the scanned copy of the deposit transaction slip. The evaluation process and the counting of the mandatory seven (7) days processing period starts.
- ▶ 6. Final evaluation will be conducted by the concerned Regional Office case handler/EIA staff;
- ▶ 7. EMB Regional Office may approve or deny the ECC application, and issuance thereof can be printed online and/or through proponent's ECC online account.

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