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Sound policy direction imperative for vital RE projects—DENR chief

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OFFICIALS of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) justified the “freeze order” issued by Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyza in the acceptance, processing and approval of environmental compliance certificates (ECC) for offshore wind and floating solar energy projects underscoring the importance of putting in place a sound policy direction for the implementation of such renewable energy (RE) projects.

In fact, the DENR is looking at having two different interim guidelines—one each for offshore wind energy and floating solar energy projects—which would be both released by June. The guidelines, however, will only cover the pre-development stage of offshore wind and floating solar energy projects.

The guidelines will be further enhanced, again with the help of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), to come up with a clear-cut policy for the two relatively RE projects that will be ready by the end of December.

DENR Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs Jonas R. Leones said, however, that any delay will not result in the loss of private sector investment, and justified the need to come up with the guidelines before accepting, processing and approving or denying ECC applications.

“There is no loss. The projects are in the initial stages only. The gestation period of these projects is 3 to 7 years,” he said.

He added the Department of Energy (DOE) was the one who requested the DENR to come up with the guidelines considering that these projects may bring potential adverse environmental impacts.



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US awards P240M in CSO grants to support biodiversity conservation, climate actions

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THE United States government, through the US Agency for International Development (USAID), has awarded P240 million in grants to help civil society organizations (CSO) in the Philippines address the challenges posed by climate change to local communities across the country.

In a statement released by the US Embassy in Manila, the awarding of the grants to 11 CSOs was led by Ambassador to the Philippines MaryKay Carlson under USAID's INSPIRE Project, which coincided with the celebration of the International Day for Biodiversity on May 22.

Carlson joined Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Undersecretary Juan Miguel

Cuna and Gerry Roxas Foundation Executive Director Glen de Castro in announcing the 11 grants that will support efforts to conserve biodiversity, protect wildlife, and implement natural climate solutions.

The grants were provided under USAID's Investing in Sustainability and Partnership for Inclusive Growth and Regenerative Ecosystems Project.

The recipient organizations are BaiAni Foundation, CBCP Caritas Filipinas Foundation, Coastal Conservation and Education Foundation, Diliman Science Research Foundation, Impl. Project Philippines, Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities, Mabuwaya Foundation, Surigao Economic Development and Microfinance Foundation, Tanggol Kalikasan, University of Santo Tomas Research and Endowment

Foundation, and Xavier Agricultural Extension Services Foundation.

The Mabuwaya Foundation plans to use its grant to protect the intact forests of the Sierra Madre mountain range in Cagayan by addressing illegal logging and conversion of forestlands for agricultural use. Xavier Agricultural Extension Service Foundation's grant will strengthen community-based initiatives to restore and protect the mangrove forests and other marine ecosystems in Zamboanga Sibugay.

Carlson, during the awarding rites, affirmed CSO's critical role in translating conservation agreements into actions.

"Through these grants, we are advancing sustainable local solutions that will help communities address the unique climate challenges they face," Carlson said. "These grants

contribute to our shared goal of a more resilient future where both people and nature thrive," he added.

"We are one with USAID and INSPIRE in the quest for an increased and more meaningful participation and engagement of all sectors [of society]. DENR is grateful for the continued partnership and we look forward to deepening our engagement as we work toward creating a more equitable world for all," Cuna said for his part.

For more than six decades, USAID has partnered with the Philippine government and local organizations to conserve the country's rich biodiversity and mitigate the impacts of climate change. Since 2021, USAID has provided more than P620 million (\$11.7 million) to CSOs to amplify their efforts in achieving environmental sustainability and uplifting the lives of Filipino communities.



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USAid grants P240M for local climate efforts

BY JANINE ALEXIS MIGUEL

THE United States government, through the US Agency for International Development (USAid), has awarded P240 million (\$4.3 million) in grants to help civil society organizations address climate challenges faced by local communities across the Philippines.

US Ambassador to the Philippines MaryKay Carlson joined Environment Undersecretary Juan Miguel Cuna and Gerry Roxas Foundation Executive Director Glen de Castro in unveiling on Monday at the Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center in Quezon City the 11 grants to support efforts to conserve biodiversity, protect wildlife and implement natural climate solutions.

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For his part, Cuna expressed his gratitude for the partnership.

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Why the youth must lead climate action



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ANNA MAE YU LAMENTILLO

We all have those moments when we are faced with difficult choices. And one of the toughest, if not the hardest, is choosing between life and death — choosing who will live and who will die.

One such story I encountered a few weeks after Typhoon Yolanda ravaged communities in the Philippines in 2013. I was then working with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) on their Typhoon Haiyan response.

In one of our visits to Tacloban, I met a fourth year high school student, who was three months shy from graduation. Before Yolanda hit, he was studying for his exams with his girlfriend. It was supposed to be the last Christmas they would be dependent on their allowances. They dreamed of traveling together after college. It was going to be their first time. They never had money to spare before. But in three months, they thought, everything would be all right. They only had to wait a few more months. After all, they had already waited for four years.

What he didn't expect was the fact that amid one of the strongest storms he had encountered, he would have to face the difficult decision of choosing between saving his girlfriend and his one-year-old niece. For months, he would stare longingly at the sea, at the exact same spot he found his girlfriend, with a piece of galvanized iron that was used for roofing pierced through her stomach.

This and many other stories, along with the sight of devastation, death and decay that was present at that moment, changed my perspective in life. While Filipinos are naturally resilient, we have to change our concept of resilience. Instead of just bouncing back after every disaster, we should strengthen our defenses to minimize the negative impacts of disasters to our lives and our communities.

Studies indicate that storms have become stronger, producing more rainfall, because of climate change. This is due to the fact that a warmer atmosphere holds more water vapor. If the world gets warmer, future storms could even be more intense than Typhoon Yolanda.

Climate change has long been a global emergency. Every year that climate action

is stalled or becomes lacking, brings us closer to the dreaded 1.5-2 degrees

Celsius temperature increase between 2026 and 2042, which is well within our lifetime.

While action must be done by the leaders of today, the youth must take an active part as well, even lead if necessary. After all, this is our future at stake.

The UNDP's Peoples' Climate Vote revealed that nearly 70 percent of those under 18 are "most likely to believe climate change is a global emergency." Meanwhile, a global study of 10,000 youth from 10 countries in 2021 found that over 50 percent of young people felt sad, anxious, angry, powerless, helpless, and guilty about climate change.

While the youth have pursued an active role on advocating and demanding for stronger political will from governments and the private sector, there is a greater need for everybody — older generations and young people — to really come together, create solutions and implement urgent actions to combat climate change and achieve climate justice.

During COP26, the global climate change conference in 2021, young leaders presented a Global Youth Position statement that represented the voice of over 40,000 young leaders who demanded that their rights be guaranteed in climate change agreements.

Here in our country, among the youth's initiatives is leading the declaration of the annual ASEAN Youth in Climate Action and Disaster Resilience Day, which promotes awareness and positive action among the youth to address climate change and strengthen disaster risk reduction efforts.

In this day and age, with the presence of digital technology, more young people can gain knowledge about the climate crisis and what must be done to halt the warming and mitigate its effects. The more important thing is to ensure youth involvement in policy- and decision-making.

We must take climate action now. Let us not wait for the moment when we have to make that difficult choice between life and death; because we can choose now to have a safer and sustainable world.



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Yap (right) partners
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Panaon' at the Batasan
Pambansa Complex
on Tuesday, May 23,
2023. The exhibit
seeks to convince
lawmakers at the House
of Representatives to
pass the bill declaring
Panaon Island a
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year. (Noel B. Pabalate)



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Sustainable infra needed to fight climate change

By LOUELLA DESIDERIO

Cities need to adopt green urban planning strategies, including investing in sustainable infrastructure to boost resilience to the impact of climate change, according to the World Bank.

In its report titled "Thriving: Making Cities Green, Resilient, and Inclusive in a Changing Climate," the World Bank provided recommendations on policy options that policymakers in cities can take to reduce emissions, enhance resilience to climate shocks, and become more inclusive to prevent the poorest from feeling the climate impacts.

"Cities are at the forefront of the climate fight. By 2050, an estimated 70 percent of all people will live in cities. This means today's investments in making cities resilient and inclusive will determine whether most people will be able to access basic services, find jobs, and live with dignity," Axel van Trotsenburg, senior managing director, development policy and partnerships at World Bank said.

"Through targeted action, we can transform our urban environments to ensure a thriving future for all," he said.

The World Bank said cities are becoming more exposed to frequent extreme weather events due to climate change.

It said those in low- and lower-middle-income countries, in particular, face the highest exposure to projected climate change-related hazards, and the projected exposure for 2030 to 2040 based on a composite index that combines projections for key hazards, such as floods, heat stress, tropical cyclones, sea-level rise, water stress, and wildfire, is higher than for cities in higher-income countries.

Cities in low- and lower-middle-income countries are also less resilient to climate change-related shocks and stresses, and suffer larger negative impacts from extreme hot, dry, and wet weather events, as well as from tropical cyclones compared to those in higher-income countries.

The World Bank said among the policy options for cities is to make investments in green and resilient infrastructure.

"Investments in green, resilient, and inclusive infrastructure, including in nature-based solutions can help cities address climate change-related risks," the World Bank said.

Despite the investment in infrastructure across low- and middle-income countries at 3.4 to five percent of their gross domestic product, the World Bank said infrastructure often cannot meet the needs of the growing and urbanizing populations of these countries.

The World Bank said climate stresses can exacerbate challenges in these countries by leading to disruptions in supply of services, including damaging assets.

"Important prevention measures such as flood control systems, shelters, and protection of environmental buffers can be embedded in infrastructure investments," the World Bank said.

In investing in infrastructure, the World Bank said maintenance should also be covered.

"Investment outlays must not ignore maintenance because it boosts the resilience of infrastructure while reducing overall costs in the long run," the World Bank said.

In addition to investments, the World Bank said information can also help people and firms better understand, and as a result, better adapt to climate risks.

As information may not be enough to motivate households and businesses to consider the environmental effects of their actions, the World Bank said incentives, which may be in the form of taxes, charges, subsidies and tradable permits, would be needed.

"Whatever the incentive, attention must be paid to equity because, although incentive policies raise overall welfare, for any given policy, some people or firms may gain more than others," the World Bank said.

It also recommends having insurance against losses associated with climate change and environmental shocks to lessen the financial impact of disasters.

The World Bank also said integration within and between cities could lower greenhouse gas emissions, and bring people closer to jobs and opportunities.



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'CONTAMINATION HAS YET TO BE REMOVED'

BFAR WANTS FISHING BAN RETAINED IN 6 SPILL-HIT AREAS IN ORIENTAL MINDORO

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The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) on Tuesday has recommended the retention of the fishing ban in the capital city and five towns of Oriental Mindoro three months since a massive oil spill devastated the coastal areas of the province.

In a statement, the BFAR proposed keeping fishing moratoriums the city of Calapan and the towns of Naujan, Pola, Bansud, Gloria and Pinamalayan "due to the risk of contamination from traces of oil that have yet to be removed from the area," caused by oil tanker MT Princess Empress that sank off Naujan on Feb. 28 while carrying 800,000 liters of industrial fuel.

On the other hand, the waters in the towns of Bongabong, Bulalacao, Mansalay, Roxas, Baco, Puerto Galera and San Teodoro were already within acceptable standards for fishing activities.

Slight increase

The provincial government of Oriental Mindoro already allowed the fishers from the coastal villages of Calapan and Naujan to conduct their fishing activities in the municipal waters of Baco, Puerto Galera and San Teodoro; while those from Pola, Bansud, Gloria and Pinamalayan could fish in the waters of Bongabong, Bulalacao, Mansalay and Roxas.

BFAR cited its latest analy-



MANGROVE CLEANUP Personnel of the Philippine Coast Guard-Marine Environmental Protection Command-National Strike Force on May 18 remove oil-contaminated debris clinging to the mangroves at Sitio Buloc-Buloc in Montemayor, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro. —PHOTO FROM, PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD FACEBOOK

ses in saying that varying levels of oil and grease and low-level contaminants or polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) were still present in water and fish samples across all sampling sites in the province.

In particular, oil and grease discovered in Calapan, Naujan, Bansud, Gloria and Pinamalayan slightly increased but were still within the standard limit of less than 3.0 milligrams per liter for waters suited for boating and fishing activities, as well as fish propagation intended for commercial and sustenance purposes.

"Meanwhile, PAH levels recorded in all sampling sites were below the baseline values," it added.

The bureau said it would continue monitoring oil spill-hit areas for a time-series observation, which

would serve as the basis for making recommendations to the concerned government agencies and local government offices.

The agency has allotted P117.864 million worth of emergency and relief assistance, early recovery efforts and mid- to long-term recovery aid to fishers in oil spill-hit areas. Of these, P4.4 million was already spent for postharvest training for various fishers associations and cooperatives and over P1.5 million for food assistance to more than 5,000 affected fishers in Mimaropa (Oriental Mindoro, Occidental Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon and Palawan).

The Feb. 28 oil spill resulted in losses to the local fishing industry and coastal resources amounting to almost P1 billion. **INQ**

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Oil spill detected in 2 Batangas towns; source under probe – PCG

By MARTIN SADONGDONG

The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) deployed a response team to contain the oil spill that was detected in two municipalities in Batangas on Tuesday morning, May 23.

The oil spill was spotted in Brgy. 4 in Calatagan and in Brgy. Klamias in Mabini, said Capt. Vic Acosta, commander of PCG Station Batangas.

“Separate incident po iyon at 8:30 nang naireport sa amin (They were two separate incidents and reported to us around 8:30 a.m.,” Acosta told the Manila Bulletin.

He said the focus of the clean-up operation is in Mabini as the spillage in Calatagan already evaporated.

“Nagpadala po tayo agad ng

oil spill response team and oil spill response equipment at agad din naman natin na-contain (We immediately deployed an oil spill response team and oil spill response equipment so we immediately contained it),” Acosta stated.

As of this writing, Acosta could not confirm where the oil spill originated or if it came from motor tanker (MT) Princess Empress which sank in Oriental Mindoro last Feb. 28.

The tanker was carrying 800,000 liters of industrial fuel oil when it sank. The sinking of MT Princess Empress resulted to a massive oil spill that reached Batangas, Antique, and Palawan.

“Inaalam pa po namin kung saan ang pinagmulan (We are still determining where it came from),” Acosta said.



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Marina probes personnel's liability in Princess Empress sinking

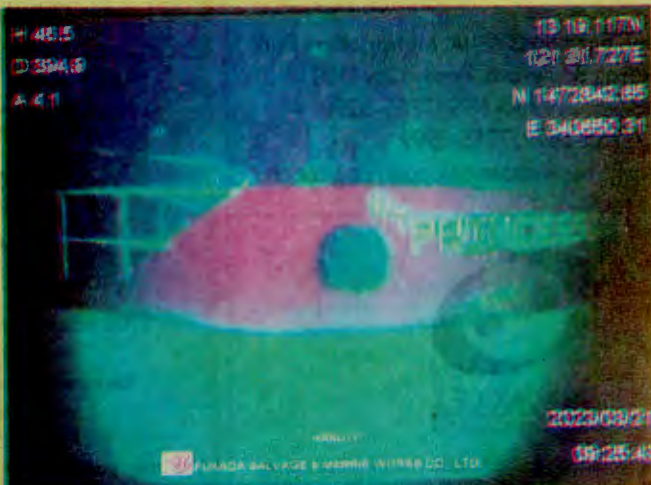
THE Maritime Industry Authority (Marina) is investigating several Marina personnel for possible administrative liability in the sinking of MT Princess Empress.

Marina-National Capital Region has revoked the certificate of public convenience (CPC) of RDC, the shipping company that owns and operates the MT Princess Empress. The tanker caused a massive oil spill in Oriental Mindoro and nearby areas.

Lawyer Sharon Aledo, spokesman and legal service director of Marina, said they are investigating Marina personnel for alleged administrative violations in the issuance of related statutory certificates to MT Princess Empress.

A report was endorsed to the Marina Anti-Graft and Corruption Committee (AGCC), which is now preparing for the show cause order of the personnel for preliminary investigation. The findings will then be recommended to the administrator for filing administrative charges.

Transportation Secretary Jaime Bautista's directive is zero tolerance for shortcuts, official negligence and disregard of rules.



■ An image of the MT Princess Empress from Japan's remotely operated underwater vehicle (ROV) on March 21, 2023. IMAGE FROM FACEBOOK PAGE OF GOV. HUMERLITO DOLOR

"We will look into the alleged violations, from ship construction up to the issuance of statutory certificates, including registration and safety certificates. It will follow a process," said Aledo.

If the RDC fails to appeal within 15 days from the May 11 revocation, the decision becomes final and immediately executory. RDC will also be slapped with a P100,000 fine.

Once the decision is final and executory, the shipping industry needs to serve the sea route that will be vacated by RDC. The shipping company still has two tanker vessels and one passenger ship, which are prevented from sailing because of the cease-and-desist order.

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'Mawar' still outside PH, but now a supertyphoon

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Typhoon "Mawar" has strengthened into a supertyphoon, although it remains outside the Philippine area of responsibility (PAR) as of 2 p.m. on Tuesday, with maximum sustained winds of 185 kilometers per hour and moving northward at 15 km.

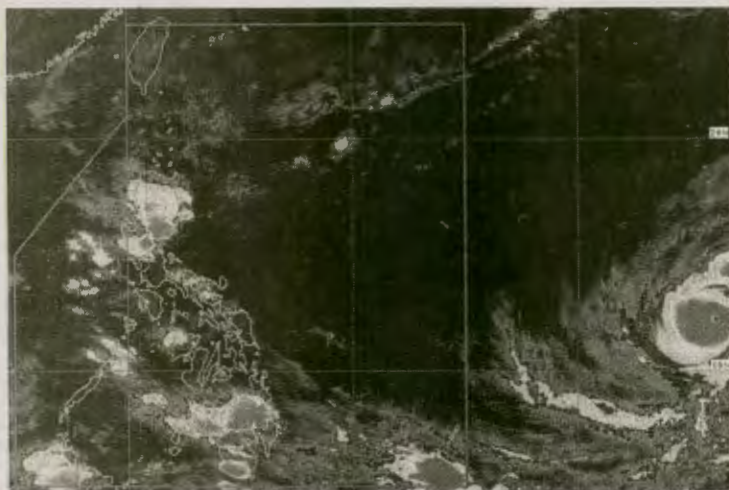
While it has yet to directly affect the country, Mawar may enter PAR by Friday or Saturday, according to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa).

Despite the low chance of the supertyphoon making landfall in any part of the country, Pagasa said it would continue to monitor its movement.

At a Palace briefing, Social Welfare Secretary Rex Gatchalian said that relief goods had been prepositioned in areas that could be affected by Mawar.

"So what we have done is we have augmented the stockpiling of food packs up north," he said, referring to the Ilocos and Cagayan Valley regions.

"So the food packs will be there and then our field offices are now tasked to work



THREAT TO PH Typhoon "Mawar" moves northward as it bears down on the US territory of Guam. —PHOTO FROM PAGASA WEBSITE

with the local governments," Gatchalian said, as he also assured the public that the Department of Social Welfare and Development has enough funds to respond to the typhoon's possible impact.

Brace, get ready

"The Quick Response Fund of the national government will kick in. Remember, in our Quick Response Fund, part of that is preparedness, making sure that we are ready even before the storms come in," he said.

Interior Secretary Benhur Abalos, on the other hand,

directed local governments to carry out proactive and preventive measures should Mawar make landfall to ensure zero casualties.

"With the advisories given by Pagasa that Mawar will most likely be a supertyphoon, we need to brace ourselves and get ready to avoid casualties and other damage expected to be brought about by this potential weather disturbance," he said in a statement.

In an advisory, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) instructed local governments, especially

those in areas with recent experience of extended or prolonged rain occurrences and/or landslides or floods, to continue to monitor all Pagasa weather advisories and typhoon bulletins.

They were also ordered to use HazardHunterPH—the country's one-stop shop for hazard assessment developed by the Department of Science and Technology—to generate indicative hazard assessment reports on their respective areas.

Conduct risk assessments

Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Offices were likewise told to convene and conduct predisaster risk assessments for floods, flash floods, rain-induced landslides, debris flow and strong winds. Communities must be continuously informed and advised of situation updates and preparations, the DILG advisory said.

It added that areas showing signs of landslides, such as tension cracks, seepages and areas underlain by old landslide deposits, quarry and mining areas must also be monitored. Waterways such as canals and drainage systems should also be cleared. —WITH A REPORT FROM

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Casiguran sizzles with 48°C heat index

By ELLALYN DE VERA-RUIZ

Casiguran, Aurora topped the list of places with the highest daily heat index observed on Tuesday, May 23, based on the monitoring of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA).

On Tuesday, the highest heat index, or temperature as perceived by the human body, reached 48 degrees Celsius (°C) in Casiguran, Aurora.

PAGASA said a heat index ranging from 42°C to 51°C indicates impending "danger," as "heat cramps and heat exhaustion are likely," and "heat stroke is probable with continued activity."

Apart from Casiguran, 27 other areas have recorded "dangerous" heat indices on Tuesday. They were as follows:

- Legazpi City, Albay (47°C)
- Masbate City, Masbate (47°C)
- Guiuan, Eastern Samar (46°C)
- Davao City, Davao del Sur (45°C)
- Alabat, Quezon (44°C)
- Baler, Aurora (44°C)
- Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro (44°C)
- Dipolog City, Zamboanga del Norte (44°C)

- Laoag City, Ilocos Norte (44°C)
- Virac, Catanduanes (44°C)
- Ambulong, Tanauan, Batangas (43°C)
- Aparri, Cagayan (43°C)
- Borongan, Eastern Samar (43°C)
- Daet, Camarines Norte (43°C)
- Dagupan City, Pangasinan (43°C)
- Juban, Sorsogon (43°C)
- Ninoy Aquino International Airport, Pasay City (43°C)
- Roxas City, Capiz (43°C)
- San Jose, Occidental Mindoro (43°C)
- Surigao City, Surigao del Norte (43°C)
- Tuguegarao City, Cagayan (43°C)
- Catarman, Northern Samar (42°C)
- Central Luzon State University, Muñoz, Nueva Ecija (42°C)
- Infanta, Quezon (42°C)
- Mactan International Airport, Cebu (42°C)
- Sangley Point, Cavite (42°C)
- Tacloban City, Leyte (42°C)

PAGASA recorded the highest heat index in the country so far this year on May 12 in Legazpi City, Albay at 50°C.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On the **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)** of the proposed **SOLARACE3 POWER PLANT PROJECT** of the **SOLARACE3 ENERGY CORPORATION** located in Barangays Tabbac and Santa Isabel, Municipality of Buguey, Province of Cagayan.

Notice is hereby given to all parties who wish to give their opinion regarding the implementation of the proposed **SOLARACE3 POWER PLANT PROJECT** to attend the Public Hearing scheduled on:

Date/Time	Venue
08 June 2023 (Thursday); 2:00 PM <i>(Note: Date and time may vary depending upon the availability of the Hearing Officer)</i> <i>(Registration starts at 1:00 PM)</i>	Covered Court Beside Barangay Hall of Tabbac, Buguey, Cagayan

The Public Hearing is being conducted in connection with the review of the EIS of the aforementioned project by the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), Region No. 02 of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

The following is the project information:

Project Name	Proposed SolarAce3 Solar Power Plant Project
Project Location	Barangays Tabbac and Santa Isabel, Buguey, Cagayan
Project Type	Solar Energy Project
Proponent	SolarAce3 Energy Corporation

All interested parties who wish to attend or participate in this Public Hearing should preferably confirm their attendance/participation and may give their opinion(s) in a concise position paper to the **CLEARANCE AND PERMITTING DIVISION (CPD)** of this Office through e-mail at recordsr2@emb.gov.ph, three (3) days before the Public Hearing schedule. Those who will not be able to register or submit written positions may be given the opportunity to share their issues on the day of the hearing itself.

The project's Executive Summary for the Public is downloadable on our website: *(kindly access the Notice of Public Hearing/Consultation link found in our website)* while copies will be available in our Office:

- EMB Regional Office No. 02
Carig Sur, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan

For more details, please contact the Clearance and Permitting Division at this Office at telephone number (078) 396-0724 and look for the Chief, EIA, Forester **Patrocinia P. Daliug**.

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