

EMB Integrates Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Requirement in the Philippine EIS System.

The Philippine Environmental Impact Statement System (PEISS), being a planning tool for incorporating environmental management concerns in proposed development projects, has been specifically identified as an entry point of considering climate change risks and formulation climate change adaptation in planning development initiatives at the project level. Likewise, in the light of the current disaster events, there is a realization of the importance of considering disaster risks in project planning and development and the PEISS has been identified as one of the government processes where these concerns should be tackled. Hence, EMB Memorandum Circular 2011-005 on Integrating DRR/CCA concerns in the PEISS was issued in November 2011. The Memorandum Circular is intended to enhance the PEISS into a risk-based planning and management tool in addition to it being a tool for incorporating environmental management concerns in project planning and implementation.

Since then, a number of projects which used the Technical Guidelines on Integrating DRR/CCA concerns in the EIA have been issued ECC and are currently being implemented. With the assistance from the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) implementation of EMB MC 2011-005 is currently being assessed through the study of actual project in order to enhance its effectiveness.