

## EMB issues updated guidelines on coverage of the Environmental Compliance Certificates requirement

To further enhance the implementation of the Philippine Environmental Impact Statement System, the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources came out with Memorandum Circular (MC) 2014-005 that mandates the adoption of the Guidelines for Coverage Screening and Standardized Requirements for securing an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC).

Under the new MC, the project listing and thresholds that are covered or not covered by the requirement to secure an ECC were updated and organized. It likewise provides updated technical definitions and operationalization guide for Environmentally Critical Areas (ECAs) procedures for determining categories of projects with multiple components, projects for expansion/modification and co-located projects. It also prescribes standards on the type of Environmental Impact Assessment Reports to be required for ECC applications nationwide.

Copies of the directive can be viewed and downloaded at <http://www.emb.gov.ph/portal/eia/ECCRequirementCoverageScreening.aspx>

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