RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NATIONAL ECOLOGY CENTER (NEC) AND REGIONAL ECOLOGY CENTERS (RECS) OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9003, otherwise known as Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 provides for the adoption of a systematic, comprehensive and ecological solid waste management program which shall ensure, among others, the protection of public health and environment, and utilize environmentally-sound methods that maximize the utilization of valuable resources and encourage resource conservation and recovery;

WHEREAS, the enactment of the RA 9003 created the National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC), an inter-agency body that is mandated to oversee the implementation of the solid waste management plans and prescribes policies to achieve the objectives of the Act;

WHEREAS, RA 9003 states that the NSWMC shall oversee and adopt the full implementation and operations of the National and Regional Ecology Centers to be headed by the Director of the Environmental Management Bureau and EMB Regional Directors respectively in their ex-officio capacities;

WHEREAS, Rule V, Section 1 of Department Administrative Order no. 34, Series of 2001, The Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 9003 prescribes the Roles of the National and Regional Ecology Centers which are: to provide technical expertise, information, training and networking services for the implementation of the provisions of the Act, facilitate training and education in integrated ecological solid waste management, establish and manage a comprehensive solid waste management information data base and dissemination system, promote the development of a recycling market through the establishment of a national recycling network that will enhance the opportunity for recycling, act as the hub for networking of LGUs, NGOs and industry on voluntary compliance of the pertinent provisions of the Act, provide or facilitate expert assistance in pilot modeling of solid waste management facilities including technologies and techniques for effective solid waste management, as well as develop, test and disseminate model waste minimization and reduction auditing procedures for evaluation options and act as the clearinghouse for cleaner production/cleaner technologies on solid waste management;

WHEREAS, the National and Regional Ecology Centers shall give primary consideration of making all the information generated, collected, recorded and stored accessible to the general public and the said information shall include data for solid waste management plans, the National Framework, the National Status Report and all the other relevant information necessary to implement an ecological solid waste management program/project;

WHEREAS, upon deliberation and consultations by the NSWMC Secretariat and the Technical Working Group, the operational guidelines for the National Ecology Center (NEC) and Regional Ecology Center (REC) are recommended for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the guidelines for the National Ecology Center and Regional Ecology Centers be adopted.

APPROVED on 22nd day of October, 2010.

Chairman, National Solid Waste Management Commission

ATTESTED BY:

Executive Director, NSWMCS

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