NSWMC Resolution No. 68, Series of 2013

ADOPTION OF THE GUIDELINES ON THE CLUSTERING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs) ON COMMON ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (ESWM) SYSTEM

WHEREAS Section 43 of Republic Act No. 9003 otherwise known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 mandates the National Solid Waste Management Commission to publish guidelines for the identification of those areas which have common solid waste management problems and are appropriate units for clustered waste management services for purposes of encouraging and facilitating the development of local government plans for solid waste management;

WHEREAS the guidelines shall be based on the size and location of areas which could be included; the volume of solid waste which could be generated; the available means of coordinating local government planning between and among the LGUs and for the integration of such with the national plan; and possible lifespan of the disposal facilities;

WHEREAS Section 33 of RA 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code mandates that all provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays, through appropriate ordinances to consolidate, or coordinate their efforts, services, and resources for purposes of jointly addressing common solid waste management problems and/or establish common waste disposal facilities;

WHEREAS, Rule VI, Section 5 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 9003 specified that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall publish guidelines for the identification of areas which have common solid waste management problems and appropriate units for clustered solid waste management services;

WHEREAS, the Environmental Management Bureau of the DENR through the Secretariat of the National Solid Waste Management Commission has prepared the Guidelines for the Clustering of Local Government Units (LGUs) on the Common Ecological Solid Waste Management (ESWM) System that will focus not only on common disposal system;

WHEREAS, consultations have been conducted among the technical working group of the Commission, TWG of EMB on Policy, the members of the Provincial Solid Waste Management Board during the Knowledge Enhancement for the PSWMB done nationwide, and various operators of cluster Sanitary Landfills;

WHEREAS, all inputs solicited during the said consultations that were done within the period of May 2012 to November 2013 have been considered in the revisions and enhancements of the draft;

WHEREAS, the Guidelines for the Clustering of Local Government Units (LGUs) on Common Ecological Solid Waste Management (ESWM) System that shall be issued as an Administrative Order by the DENR was recommended by the NSWMC Technical Working Group for adoption by the Commission on November 15, 2013.

WHEREAS, in addition to the DENR, other concerned agencies that are members of the NSWMC may formulate its respective Administrative Orders in support of this Guidelines.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to adopt the Guidelines for the Clustering of Local Government Units (LGUs) on the Common Ecological Solid Waste Management (ESWM) System.

APPROVED on this 13th day of December, 2013.

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