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Department of Education

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DISSEMINATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MEMORANDUM NO. 2017-0302
(Final Disposal of Temporarily Stored On-Site Mercury Wastes
and Mercury Containing Devices)

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed is a copy of the Department of Health (DOH) Memorandum No. 2017-0302 entitled **Final Disposal of Temporarily Stored On-Site Mercury Wastes and Mercury Containing Devices**.
2. To facilitate disposal, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) issued the enclosed letter of Dir. Jacqueline A. Caancan regarding the access to the list of Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) accredited transporters and treatment, storage, and disposal (TSD) facilities from www.emb.gov.ph or www.philhazwastetracksys.com.
3. Guidelines from DOH Administrative Order No. 2008-0021 entitled Gradual Phase-Out of Mercury in All Philippine Health Care Facilities and Institution.
4. DepEd Order No. 48, s. 2006 entitled Observance of Safety Measures in Science Laboratories should be reviewed/amended to ensure the proper disposal of commonly used chemicals in the science laboratories in schools.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

Encls.: As stated
Reference: DepEd Order (No. 48, s. 2006)
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

HEALTH EDUCATION
LEGISLATION

SAFETY EDUCATION
SCHOOLS

MCR- DM Brigada Eskwela sa Marawi
1017/November 3, 2017

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Republic of the Philippines
 Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
 No. 2017 - D302

FOR: ALL UNDERSECRETARIES; ASSISTANT SECRETARIES; DIRECTORS OF BUREAUS, REGIONAL OFFICES AND SERVICES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF SPECIALTY HOSPITALS, CHIEF OF MEDICAL CENTERS, HOSPITALS, SANITARIA AND INSTITUTES; AND OTHER CONCERNED

SUBJECT: Final Disposal of Temporarily Stored On-Site Mercury Wastes and Mercury Containing Devices

Pursuant to the implementation of the DOH Administrative Order No. 2008-0021 entitled "*Gradual Phase-Out of Mercury in All Philippine Health Care Facilities and Institution*", all temporarily stored on-site mercury wastes, including mercury containing devices can now be negotiated for its disposal through the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR) – Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) accredited transporters and treatment, storage and Disposal (TSD) facilities (e.g. FRP Philippines Corporation, Cleanway Environmental Solutions, Inc., etc.).

Attached for your ready reference is the letter from EMB-DENR.

Expenses to be incurred for the disposal of mercury wastes shall be charged against the funds of your Institution/Office, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For compliance.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

GERARDO V. BAYUGO, MD, MPH, CESO III
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Attention : **Dr. Rodolfo M. Albornoz**
Engr. Jocelyn D. Soria

Dear Madam,


This has reference to your letter dated 09 May 2017 and received by this Office on 15 June 2017 requesting for guidance and recommendations for the technically sound final disposal of mercury-containing devices/equipment and elemental mercury previously used in health-care facilities and several science laboratories which are temporarily stored on-site in their facilities.


Please be informed that the list of EMB-registered transporters and Treatment, Storage, and Disposal (TSD) facilities for hazardous wastes (including mercury wastes) may be accessed from www.emb.gov.ph or www.philhazwastetracksys.com. There are different TSDs for different types of mercury wastes. For mercury-containing devices/equipment, please search for FRP Philippines Corporation, located in Biñan, Laguna, from the EMB list to view the contact details and information. The said TSD temporarily stores the said devices prior to export to Japan for mercury recovery.

For more information on the procedures and requirements for the transport, treatment, and disposal of hazardous wastes, please refer to DENR Department Administrative Order (DAO) 2013-22, Revised Procedures and Standards for the Management of Hazardous Wastes.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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Concurrent Assistant Director

 Department of Environment and
Natural Resources
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU
Office of the Director

Protect the environment, Protect life

