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**SUBJECT: STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF  
THE PROVISIONS OF THE  
PHILIPPINE CLEAN WATER  
ACT OF 2004 (RA 9275)**

**TO : ALL ACTING/CITY BUILDING OFFICIALS  
CITY/MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS**

In order to pursue a policy of economic growth in a manner consistent with the protection, preservation and revival of the quality of our fresh, brackish and marine waters, the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004 (RA 9275) is hereby adopted as referral code of the National Building Code of the Philippines, (PD 1096). Pursuant therefore to Section 203 of PD 1096 the following policies and standards are hereby promulgated:

1. Building, Ancillary and Accessory permits shall only be processed and issued once the Plumbing/Sanitary design plans of any building to be constructed manifest that the sewage system, storm drain and sewerage systems are connected to a Domestic Sewage Collection Treatment and Disposal pursuant to Sec. 8, Art.1 of RA 9275 or to a Septic Tank in accordance with the latest provisions of the Code of Sanitation of the Philippines.
2. Mandatory provisions for a Sewage Treatment Plant shall be imposed if the building structures to be constructed is categorized as High Rise offices, condominiums, commercial centers, hotels, sports and recreational facilities, hospitals, industrial complex and
3. Residential and other related buildings/structures where Domestic Sewage Collection, Treatment and Disposal Plant is not yet in place may be issued aforesaid permits provided that the septic tanks are designed to produce a clarified effluent consistent with accepted standards and water tight.

A quarterly report on the compliance of these policies and standards shall be submitted to the Office of the Undersigned thru the NBCDO.

  
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Secretary



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