



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD

NWRB RESOLUTION NO. 26-0817

**POLICY DEFINING THE ECC/CNC REQUIREMENTS FOR
WATER PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

The **NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD** (“the Board”), a government institution, created and existing under Philippines, with office address at 8th Floor, NIA Building, EDSA, Quezon City, states:

WHEREAS, the thrust of the Administration is to reduce requirements and processing time of all-applications from submission to release in order to ease doing business in government agencies;

WHEREAS, pursuant to this, NWRB Board Resolution No. 09-0915 dated September 21, 2016 was issued which revised Sections 5-14 of the Amended Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Water Code of the Philippines relative to water permit applications (WPAs) processing;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Amended IRR provides the documentary requirements of WPAs for the different water uses, among which is the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) and Certificate of Non-Coverage (CNC) being issued by the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB);

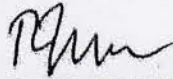
WHEREAS, EMB Memorandum Circular 2014-005 “Revised Guidelines for Coverage Screening and Standardized Requirements under the Philippine EIS System” provides the coverage and standardized requirements for ECC/CNC, as shown in Annex A - Project Thresholds for Coverage Screening and Categorization, as hereto attached;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the water permit applicants falling under “Not covered (may secure CNC)” of Annex A, shall no longer be required to submit CNC and neither would it be a condition in the Conditional Water Permit/Water Permit.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 23rd day of August 2017 in Quezon City, Philippines.

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Chairman

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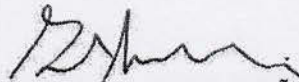
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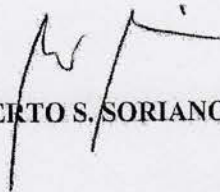
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ANNEX A Project Thresholds for Coverage Screening and Categorization

Projects/Description	Covered (Required to secure ECC)		Not covered (may secure CNC) Category D PD (Part I only)	Project size parameters / Remarks
	Category A: ECP EIS	Category B: Non-ECP EIS Checklist		
2.3.1 Fishery/Aquaculture Projects using fresh or brackish water including pearl farm and similar activities	≥ 25 hectares	≥ 5 hectares but < 25 hectares	≤ 1 ha OR seaweed farming	Based on project area (e.g., title, lease contract)
3. INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS				
3.1 Dams, Water Supply and Flood Control Project				
3.1.1 DAMS (including those for irrigation, flood control, water source and hydropower projects) including run-of-river type	≥ 25 hectares OR ≥ 20 million m ³	> 5 hectares but < 25 hectares OR ≥ 5 million m ³ but < 20 million m ³	≤ 5 hectares AND ≤ 5 million m ³	Reservoir flooded/inundated area or land water storage capacity
3.1.2 Irrigation projects (distribution system only)	None	≥ 1,000 hectares (service area) With water source (e.g. infiltration gallery, etc.) and water treatment facilities including desalination, reverse osmosis (RO)	> 300 but < 1,000 hectares	Service area
3.1.3 Water supply projects (without dam)	None	Levels III (Distribution system only)	Level II / Level I Water refilling station	
3.2 POWER PLANTS				
3.2.1 Gas-fired thermal power plants	≥ 50 MW	≥ 10 MW but < 50 MW	> 1 MW but < 10 MW	Total power generating capacity
3.2.2 Geothermal facilities	≥ 50 MW	≥ 10 MW but < 50 MW	> 1 MW but < 10 MW	Total power generating capacity
3.2.3 Hydropower facilities	≥ 50 MW	≥ 10 MW but < 50 MW OR with tunneling (regardless of capacity)	> 1 MW but < 10 MW AND without tunneling	Total power generating capacity For projects with weir/dam/other impounding facility, refer to dam as additional criteria for multi-component project screening
3.2.4 Other Thermal Power Plants (eg. coal, diesel, bunker, etc.)	≥ 30 MW	≥ 10 MW but < 30 MW	> 1 MW but < 10 MW	Total power generating capacity
3.2.5 Power Barges	≥ 50 MW	≥ 10 MW but < 50 MW	> 1 MW but < 10 MW	Total power generating capacity
3.2.6 Fuel cell	≥ 100 MW	none	> 5 but < 100 MW	Total power generating capacity