

EMB inspects ice plants in Occidental Mindoro

In view of the recent ammonia gas leak incidents in Metro Manila and Batangas, the Environmental Management Bureau MIMAROPA Region, through its Occidental Mindoro counterpart, conducted a surprise inspection and monitoring of existing ice plants within the province of Occidental Mindoro.

The Provincial Environmental Management Unit (PEMU)-Occidental Mindoro, headed by Chief Alexander Coden, inspected five ice plants on February 5 and 8, namely: Madonna Ice Plant in Mamburao; LGU Sablayan Ice Plant and Gajasan Ice Plant in Sablayan; and Balmed Ice Plant and Gajasan Ice Plant in San Jose.

PEMU-Occidental Mindoro technical staffs Mercedes Diaz, Lovella Malijan, Ronnele Esteves, and Krizia Rosales accompanied Coden in the conduct of the said inspection.

On February 9 and 10, another surprise inspection and monitoring were conducted by Coden and Rosales to two ice plants in Mamburao: Luming Ice Plant and Cold Storage Project, and Spring Water Ice Plant.

During the inspection activities, the team monitored the compliance of the said ice plants with the environmental permits and clearances under Presidential Decree 1586, Republic Act 8749, RA 9275, RA 6969, and RA 9003.

The team also examined the condition of ammonia tanks, specifically the safety valves of the ice plants. They also checked the availability of Personal Protective Equipment (gas mask, first aid kit, etc.) and Safety Equipment (such as fire extinguishers, exhaust fan, etc.) in the establishments.

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