

EMB Caraga Region endorsed list of non-complying LGUs to RA 9003 for filing of case at office of the Ombudsman

On January 20, 2016, Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) Caraga Region endorsed three (3) Local Government Units (LGUs) to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) through the EMB Central Office for the filing of case at the Ombudsman. The Isiting was finalized in compliance to the Memorandum of the DENR Assistant Secretary and concurrent EMB Director, Atty. Juan Miguel T. Cuna dated January 08, 2016. The 3 LGUs found to have violated Sections 16 “*Local Government Solid Waste Management Plans*” and 37 “*Prohibition against the use of Open Dumpsite*” of RA 9003.

The endorsement was the recourse of the Bureau to the continued hesitation of LGUs in complying with the submission of the 10 year solid waste management plans especially in the closure and rehabilitation of Open and Controlled Dumpsites despite of the Notice to Sue (NTS) and Three Strike Policy issued by the DENR through the National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC) Secretariat. The first strike encompasses a total of 52 LGUs which were issued with Ceased and Deceased Order (CDO). A total of 60 LGUs were issued with second strike warning letter by NSWMC Executive Director.

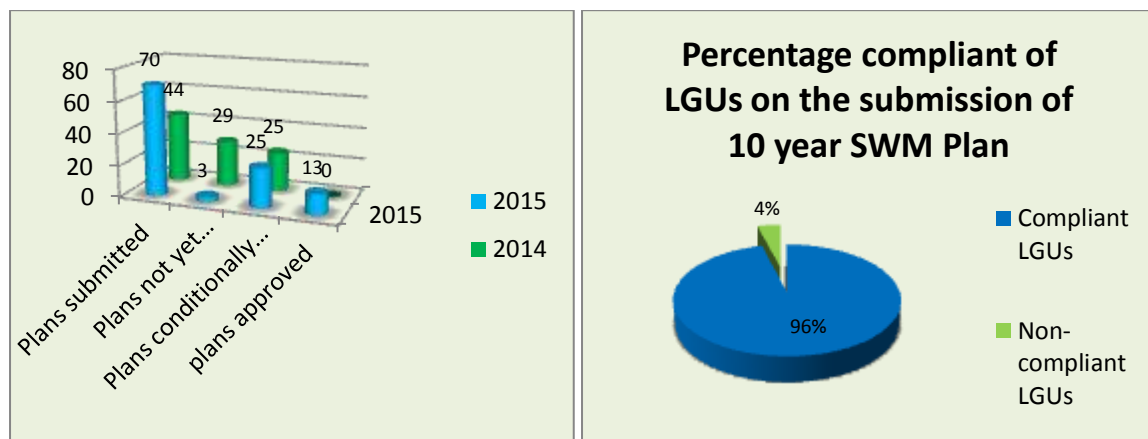
The EMB Caraga Region had already submitted all the references/supporting documents /report to EMB Central Office and is awaiting for their final decision regarding the issue.

The EMB, being the primary government agency that enforces environmental laws under the DENR, implements “no biases” in its decision making and monitoring. (NNM)

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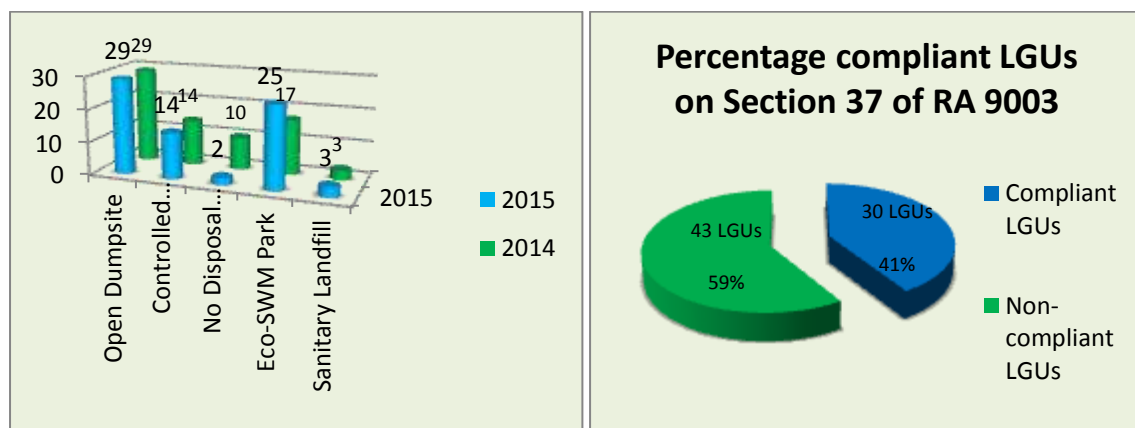
Status of LGU compliance to Section 16 of RA 9003

The figures show the status of compliance of LGUs in Caraga Region to Section 16 of RA 90003 which requires for the submission of 10 year plan.



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The figures show the status of compliance of LGUs in Caraga Region to Section 37 of RA 90003 which requires for the prohibition of open dumpsites



The graphical presentations showed that compliance of the LGUs in the implementation of RA 9003 in Caraga Region significantly improved in the year 2015 compared to year 2014. This is due to the continuous enforcement and improvements made by the agency for its mandates through the leadership of the newly appointed Regional Director, **Dr. Wilson L. Trajeco**, with the Chief of Environmental Monitoring and Enforcement Division, **Engr. Albert G. Arcamo** and the Chief EIAM/ESWM Section, **For. Edwin A. Mollaneda**, and with all the staffs that rendered services and efforts to enforce the general provisions of RA 9003, “Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000”. (NNM)



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