



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9
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REORGANIZATION OF THE LOCAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY MONITORING COMMITTEE OF GUBAT AND CREATION OF ITS TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the local government unit to ensure the quality and safety of all water sources which should be monitored and analyze regularly for public health and general welfare;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree 856 or the Code on Sanitation of the Philippines mandates the Department of Health to promulgate rules and regulations for the proper implementation and enforcement of the code, including provisions on drinking water supply;

WHEREAS, standards for drinking water and their bacteriological and chemical examinations, together with the evaluation of results shall conform to the criteria set by National Drinking Water Standards;

WHEREAS, the treatment of water to render it safe for drinking and the disinfection of the contaminated water sources together with their distribution systems shall be in accordance with procedures set by the DOH;

WHEREAS, the DOH, in accordance with its mandate of being primary responsible for the formulation, planning, implementation, and coordination of policies and programs in the field of health, strongly supports the application of a risk management approach known as Water Safety Planning (WSP) by all water services providers in AO No. 2014-0027;

WHEREAS, to oversee the operation of the water systems and the quality of water produced and distributed by them, the Local Health Authority is mandated to establish a water surveillance program through the Local Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Committee (LDWQMC).

NOW THEREFORE, I RONNEL U. LIM, Local Chief Executive of the Municipality of Gubat, Sorsogon, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby reorganize the Local Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Committee;

Section 1. Composition. The Local Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Committee shall be composed of the following:

Chairman	:	HON. RONNEL U. LIM , Municipal Mayor
Members	:	DR. RONALD FERRERAS , MHO ENGR. GABRIEL TIOTANGCO , Gubat Water District Manager

- : **HON. ROXAN M. ESCANILLA**, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
- : **ENGR. JOVANNIE TABIRAO**, MUNICIPAL ENGINEER
- : **LEA SANTOS**, MENRO
- : **EDEN ESPARTINEZ**, DOH Representative to the LHB
- : **JEANELITA AVANICA**, PHO Provincial Sanitary Inspector Supervisor
- : **GSAC SAFEST**, NGO related to Health and Sanitation

Section 2. Duties and Responsibilities of the Committee.

1. Formulate local policies concerning implementation of water quality surveillance programs.
 - a. The Sanggunian Committee on Health sponsors and endorses the ordinance/s to the Council for approval.
 - b. The Committee, in its regular or in a special meeting called for, discusses and formulates local ordinances and formulates its implementing rules and regulations.
2. Appoint the members and chairman of its Technical Working Group (TWG), considering and recognizing the Municipal Health Office as the lead department.
3. Review and endorse the Annual Work and Financial Plan on Water Quality Surveillance for approval.
4. Review and approve water sampling points recommended by the TWG.
5. Initiate the regular collection and analysis of water samples as prescribed by laws and ordinances.
6. Regularly analyze water samples and evaluate the laboratory if it has complied with the standards.
7. Review and approve the recommendation of the TWG on the results of the laboratory test of water samples collected in the approved collection points.
8. Discuss, plan, and implement measures to address water quality issues
9. Conduct water quality audits whenever necessary.
10. Institute remedial technical measures to correct the deficiency of the water system.
11. Discuss and approve quarterly Water Quality Surveillance reports from the TWG to determine trends in the quality of drinking water supply for appropriate action.
12. Conduct regular or immediate sanitary surveys during the existence of a potential cause of contamination or contaminated water supply sources.
13. Inform the public of the latest quality of drinking water in the locality and release corresponding advisories (approved by the committee), if necessary.
14. Discuss complaints from water consumers and plan appropriate interventions to be done.
15. Conduct regular quarterly meetings or as the need arises.

Section 3. Technical Working Group Composition.

Chairman - **Dr. Ronald Ferreras**, Municipal Health Officer

Members:

- **Jean Has**, Sanitary Inspector
- **Engr. Jovannie Tabirao**, Municipal Engineer
- **Lea Santos**, MENRO
- **Jeanelita Avanica**, PHO Provincial Sanitary Inspector Supervisor
- **Engr. Gabriel Tiotangco**, Gubat Water District Gen. Manager

Section 4. Duties and Responsibilities of the TWG.

1. The Municipal Health Office (the lead department of the committee, water quality surveillance is a regular activity for its Environmental Sanitation Program) prepares the Annual Work and Financial Plan on Water Quality Surveillance and presents it to the committee.
2. Conduct sanitary surveys of existing water supply and potential water sources.
3. Recommend water sampling points for approval of the committee.
4. Conduct regular water sampling, analyze results of water quality testing and report it to the committee.
5. Prepare and check plans of proposed Water System Projects.
6. Monitors the implementation of the rules and regulations pertinent to water supply by following up the requirement towards the issuance of drinking water Site Clearance, Certificate of Potability, Sanitary Permits, Revocation of Permits, and Power of Entry among others. Monitor and supervise construction/development of new or rehabilitation of water systems.
7. Conduct Water Quality Audit and discuss its results to the committee
8. Present quarterly Water Quality Surveillance reports to the committee
9. After the conduct of water sampling and analysis, immediately conducts sanitary survey of all water sources found to be contaminated and reports the results to the committee
10. Conduct information dissemination campaign on water sanitation and other related concerns

Section 5. Automatic Succession of Members. In case of resignation, retirement, separation, transfer, re-assignment, removal of member, the successor or replacement shall automatically take the position and serve only for the unexpired term. Provided, that in case of leave or suspension, the replacement shall serve only for the duration of the leave or suspension.

Section 6. Repealing Clause. All prior issuances and orders inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed.

Section 7. Separability Clause. In the event that any provision of this Executive Order is held invalid or unconstitutional, the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 8. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 17th day of February 2023, at the Municipality of Gubat, Province of Sorsogon.


RONNEL U. LIM
Municipal Mayor