



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS YAMAN



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No. 2026- 23

SUBJECT : AMENDING DAO NO. 2025-36 OR THE GUIDELINES FOR THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC) AND CERTIFICATE OF NON-COVERAGE (CNC) FOR PROJECTS ON BORACAY ISLAND

In line with the objective of streamlining the application process for projects in Boracay Island, and consistent with Republic Act No. 11032 (Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018), this issuance aims to enhance overall regulatory efficiency, while maintaining the substantive standards of environmental protection under the Philippine Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) System.

Accordingly, the amendment rationalizes existing requirements to ensure that the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) process remains efficient, science-based, and proportionate to the level of environmental risk, without compromising the integrity of environmental safeguards.

The following are hereby amended as follows:

Section 3. Scope and Coverage

New National Government Projects shall include projects that serve public interests and welfare, such as water supply, energy generation and supply, ports, telecommunication, and other public infrastructure.

Section 4. Definition of Terms

4.4 Existing Projects – projects that are constructed or have begun construction on Boracay Island prior to the issuance of DAO 2025-36 but have not secured an ECC or CNC.

Section 5. Requirements for the Processing of Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC)

5.6. For purposes of ECC application for new government projects and expansion projects, the Geohazard Identification Report (GIR) shall form part of the ECC application, while the requirement for an MGB-endorsed Engineering Geological and Geohazard Assessment Report (EGGAR) shall be complied with as a condition of the ECC for all land development projects, except housing and subdivision projects. Accordingly, the ECC shall include as

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a condition the submission of an EGGAR duly endorsed by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) prior to any ground disturbance, construction, or project implementation. No project activity shall commence without the conduct of EGGA and the completed review process of the EGGAR by MGB.

For existing projects without an ECC, the proponent shall submit, as part of the ECC application, a Geohazard Assessment Report, which shall include:

- a. Evaluation of the existing geohazard conditions of the site, taking into account the presence of structures and any alteration of the original terrain;
- b. Assessment of geohazard risks under post-construction conditions, including slope stability, liquefaction, flooding, erosion, and other relevant parameters, and
- c. Identification of geohazard risks posed by or to the existing structure and recommend appropriate mitigation measures.

The MGB shall continue to serve as a Resource Person in the EIA Review Committee under Section 7 of DAO 2025-36. For IEE-based projects, the MGB shall be consulted on matters pertaining to geohazard assessment. The MGB shall designate a focal person to facilitate coordination and timely technical inputs to the EMB. The MGB may, likewise, as necessary, require the conduct of a verification survey of geohazard-related information and assessments submitted as part of the ECC application, within the prescribed timeframe.

5.7. The submission of an ERDB letter of endorsement based on a carrying capacity assessment report is hereby dispensed with as a requirement for ECC applications.

The project proponent shall, as part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) Checklist, demonstrate that the proposed project is consistent with the environmental carrying capacity of Boracay Island. Such demonstration shall:

- a. Describe the project's physical footprint, density, and resource demand, including water consumption, wastewater generation, solid waste generation, and traffic generation, and
- b. Identify measures to ensure continued compliance with environmental carrying capacity throughout the project's operational life.

The Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (ERDB) shall continue to serve as a Resource Person in the EIA Review Committee under Section 7 DAO 2025-36. For IEE-based projects, the ERDB shall be consulted on matters

pertaining to environmental carrying capacity. The ERDB shall designate a focal person to facilitate coordination and timely technical inputs to the EMB.

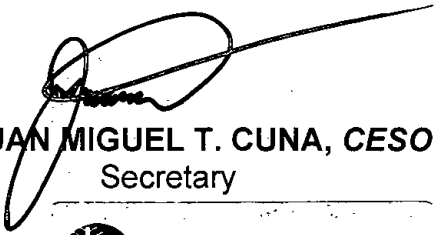
5.8. Proof of submission to the Local Government Unit of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) Checklist, showing that the proposed project is consistent with the environmental carrying capacity of Boracay Island.

6. Requirements for the Processing of Certificate of Non-Coverage

6.8. Proof of submission to the Local Government Unit of the Project Description, showing that the proposed project is consistent with the environmental carrying capacity of Boracay Island.

All other provisions of DENR Administrative Order No. 2025-36, not otherwise amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.

This Order shall take effect immediately after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and upon acknowledgment of the receipt of the copy thereof by the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR).


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