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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO:
THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND COASTAL QUALITY,
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY,
LITTER CONTROL REGULATIONS**

INTENDED ACTION: The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ), Division of Environmental Quality, intends to adopt as permanent regulations the attached Proposed Amendments to the Litter Control Regulations pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). The regulations would become effective 10 days after compliance with 1 CMC §§ 9102 and 9104(a) or 1 CMC § 9105(b).

AUTHORITY: The BECQ has statutory authority to promulgate and adopt regulations regarding Litter Control. P.L. 19-53 § 7; 2 CMC § 3417.

TERMS AND SUBSTANCE: The attached proposed amendments amend the Litter Control Regulations, NMIAC Chapter 65-60, to: comply with Public Law 19-53; implement a Fee Matrix to guide enforcement discretion for issuing fines within the statutory range; add definitions; and clarify responsibilities of relevant agencies.

SUBJECTS AND ISSUES INVOLVED: These amendments to the Litter Control Regulations include the following areas:

1. Definitions;
2. Agency Powers and Duties;
3. Prohibited Activities;
4. Enforcement;
5. Penalties.

REGULATIONS BEING AMENDED: Litter Control Regulations, NMIAC Chapter 65-60.

DIRECTIONS FOR FILING AND PUBLICATION: These proposed amendments shall be published in the Commonwealth Register in the section on proposed and newly adopted regulations, 1 CMC § 9102(a)(1), and notice of the intended action to adopt this proposed regulation shall be posted in convenient places in the civic center and in local government offices in each senatorial district, both in English and in the principal vernacular, 1 CMC § 9104(a)(1).

TO PROVIDE COMMENTS: Send or deliver your comments to Eli D. Cabrera, Administrator of the BECQ, at the above address, with the subject line "Litter Control Regulations." Comments are due within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. 1 CMC § 9104(a)(2).

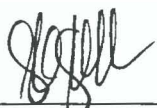
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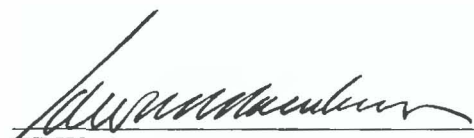
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Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e) (Attorney General approval of regulations to be promulgated as to form) and 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3) (Attorney General approval) the proposed regulations attached hereto have been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the CNMI Attorney General and shall be published, 1 CMC § 2153(f) (publication of rules and regulations).



EDWARD MANIBUSAN
Attorney General

6/13/18
Date