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EMB R8 trains LGU Maasin on waste analysis and characterization

The Environmental Management Bureau Region 8 (EMB R8), through the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Section, conducted a training on Waste Analysis and Characterization Study (WACS) on September 20-21, 2022 in Maasin City.

The WACS is a study on the quantity and composition of solid wastes in a city or municipality. Through the WACS, LGUs are able to determine the amount of wastes to be composted, recycled, processed, and disposed. Such data are used as basis in crafting sound strategies to manage solid waste. The WACS is likewise an essential component of LGUs' 10-Year Solid Waste Management (SWM) Plan, a requirement under Section 12 of Republic Act 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000.

Personnel from the SWM Section, namely Sharlene Joyce Ramos and Engr. Sharmaine Ruth Lauzon conducted the said training for the WACS team of LGU Maasin as well as the study respondents consisting of households, commercial and institutional establishments. They discussed the methodology, waste collection strategy and data processing and analysis in order to come up with accurate data sets and results. Meanwhile, Engr. Zeus Brian Loreto from the EMB R8 Provincial Environmental Management Unit in Southern Leyte, extended technical assistance in the actual conduct of the three-day WACS.

