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EMB R8 holds capacity building activity for airshed governing board, technical working group members



The Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) Region 8 through the Ambient Monitoring Section, in collaboration with the Gender and Development Focal Point System, conducted the Capacity Building of the Tacloban City Airshed and Isabel Industrial Sub-Airshed Governing Board and Technical Working Group Members from November 15-17, 2022 at LaYao Beach Resort, Marabut, Samar, as part of the celebration of the National Environmental Awareness Month and Clean Air Month.



The said learning event was held in accordance with EMB Regional Special Order No. 276 as amended by EMB Regional Special Order No. 299, allowing new members of the governing board and technical working group of both airsheds to improve their skills and knowledge while also becoming more aware of the impact organizational management has on airshed operationalization.

EMB R8 invited resource persons from the EMB Central Office and selected personnel from the regional office to discuss the airshed status, designation activities, operationalization and guidelines of existing and new airsheds, an overview of the Air Quality Management Fund, computation for pollution from area sources, mobile sources, and stationary sources, and an overview of metrological data, air dispersion modeling, and carrying capacity.

Through this effort, new approaches have also been established for better airshed implementation, helping to maintain the region's air quality and minimize its negative effects on both human health and the environment.

Members of the Tacloban City Airshed Governing Board and Technical Working Group from the City Government of Tacloban, Land Transportation Office (LTO) Region 8, SM Savemore, and Volunteer for the Visayans, Inc. attended



the event, as did members of the pre-designated Isabel Industrial Sub-Airshed Governing Board and Technical Working Group from the local government of Isabel, Leyte through the MENRO and RHU, LIDE Management Corporation, Visayas State University - Isabel Campus, Petron Depot, Philippine Associated Smelting and Refining Corp., Cleanaway Philippines Inc., Isabel Ancillary Services Co., Philippine Phosphate Fertilizer Corp., and Isabel Transport Cooperative.

