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PURE & APPLIED CHEMISTRY



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Thru: Dr Beatriz S. Belonias
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Dr Daniel Leslie Tan
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Dear **Dr. Tan**,

The evaluation of the MS Chemistry conducted by the CHED TWG for Chemistry programs on November 6, 2023 as well as in the 5th Internal Quality Audit (IQA, DoPAC-OFI-23-04) pointed out the need for a **Third-Party Treatment** for the disposal of the accumulated hazardous chemical wastes/expired chemicals at DoPAC. In compliance with the requirements of the accrediting bodies, DoPAC is requesting for services of a **Third -Party Treater**. However, to avail of the said services, DoPAC has to accomplish several requirements which starts with a registration at the **DENR R08** as a **Hazardous Waste Generator**. One of the requirements for the registration is an appointment of a **full-time/regular/licensed Pollution Control Officer (PCO)**. For the PCO to be given a license and for the unit to be registered, the **PCO together** with the **head of the agency/unit** should attend 40 hours of face-to-face pollution control-related training at the DENR/DENR-accredited agency. Otherwise, no license for the PCO and registration will be given. Looking at the composition of the DoPAC Laboratory Management Committee at present, no Pollution Control Officer is assigned. Moreover, no licensed chemist Faculty can also be trained to become a regular, full-time and licensed PCO since most of them with Instructor I position will be on study-leave to meet the Quality Standard requirement for tertiary instructions starting this year. Because of this, may I please request for the University to appoint a **full-time/regular/licensed Chemist to be trained as a licensed Pollution Control Officer (PCO)** for the whole University. In this way, the university can save funds for the training. DoPAC as well as other departments/units/research centers with chemical laboratories will be able to comply with the ISO and CHED Policies, Standards and Guidelines in the offering of their undergraduate and graduate programs.

Looking forward to your prompt and positive action on this request. Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,

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