



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ADVISORY NO. RESHERR-1

TO : RENEWABLE ENERGY (RE) STAKEHOLDERS

DATE : 06 JUNE 2023

SUBJECT : AMENDMENTS TO DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. DC2012-11-009 OR THE RENEWABLE ENERGY SAFETY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS (RESHERR) AND MORATORIUM ON THE OBLIGATIONS OF RE PROJECTS UNDER THE PRE-DEVELOPMENT AND PRE-CONSTRUCTION PHASE UNDER THE RESHERR

The Department of Energy (DOE) is currently undertaking the review of Department Circular No. DC2012-11-009, titled "*Renewable Energy Safety, Health, and Environment Rules and Regulations (RESHERR)*", to align with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Department Order No. 198, series of 2018 (DO198-18), or the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 11058, titled "*An Act Strengthening Compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Standards and Providing Penalties for Violations thereof*" and to address issues raised by RE Developers on their compliance with the RESHERR.

In this regard, the DOE hereby issues a moratorium on the processing of Safety Officer's Permit (SOP) applications and the corresponding obligations under the RESHERR only for RE Projects under the Pre-Development Stage and pre-construction phase. All SOP applications under these categories filed before the posting of this Advisory shall be put on hold until such time that the revised RESHERR is issued.

The DOE recognizes that prior to the Development Stage and/or construction activities, minimal and/or non-hazardous work is conducted in RE Project sites. Hence, from the date after posting this Advisory and until the DOE issues the revised RESHERR, employers in RE Projects under Pre-Development Stage and pre-construction phase need not comply with the duties and obligations under the RESHERR.

Further, the DOE hereby imposes a moratorium on the issuance or renewal of SOP relating to RE Projects under Pre-Development Stage and pre-construction phase. The processing of applications for SOP relating to said RE Projects, filed and/or pending before the posting of this Advisory, shall be put on hold until the issuance of the revised RESHERR.

RE stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments and recommendations on the amendment of the RESHERR guidelines through email at remb9513@doe.gov.ph and geothermaldivision@gmail.com on or before 07 July 2023 using the attached template.

Please be guided accordingly.



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