

8 INDUSTRIES GET DENR OFFICIAL SEAL OF APPROVAL



The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) bestowed its “Official Seal of Approval” to eight business establishments for showing “consistent excellence” in meeting the highest environmental standards, on Wednesday, February 18, 2015.

DENR Undersecretary and Concurrent Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) Director extolled the awardees under the Track 1 Category of the Philippine Environment Partnership Program (PEPP) for integrating environmental protection into their everyday operations.

“The awardees have exhibited innovation and ingenuity, and have invested in environmental protection,” Leones said. “The DENR Official Seal of Approval is government’s way of recognizing and praising industries for their efforts, while hoping that they will be emulated by other companies.”

The Binga and Ambuklao Power Plants of Aboitiz Power; Green Core Geothermal Inc., the Mt. Apo Geothermal Project of the Energy Development Corp., the Ormoc and Tacloban Depots of Petron Corp., Tanauan Plant of Nestle Philippines, and Wyeth Philippines Inc. received the DENR seal during an awarding ceremony held at the Luxent Hotel in Quezon City.

PEPP, a partnership program between the DENR and industries, in cooperation with other environment-related agencies, encourages and supports businesses in practicing self-regulation towards improved environmental performance.

Track 1 Category awardees are usually large companies that go beyond compliance, driven by competitiveness, image and supply chain requirements to improve performance. They are selected after undergoing stringent assessment by the DENR’s EMB and members of a technical evaluation committee.

Nominees must be fully compliant with all applicable environmental laws, have had no cases pending or filed with the Pollution Adjudication Board for three years prior to their application, and should have shown superior environmental performance.

As part of the award, recipients get an additional one year of permit validity, relaxed submission of required reports, and simplified requirements in securing an environmental compliance certificate for expansion projects.

Since its launching in 2009, a total of 75 business establishments have been awarded the DENR’s Official Seal of Approval. ###