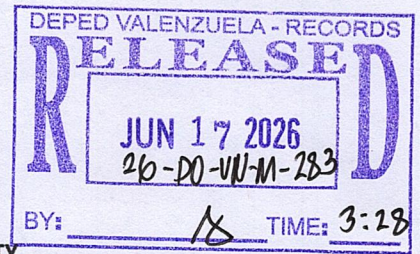




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SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF VALENZUELA CITY



**Office of the Schools Division  
Superintendent**

June 15, 2026

**To: Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads**

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

This is in reference to the attached letter from Dr. Anthony B. Cu, City Health Office, dated May 12, 2026 regarding the request of Schools Division Office on proper disposal of chemical wastes and other hazardous material generated within school premises, the content of which is self-explanatory for appropriate action.

Particular attention is invited on item nos. 2, 3 and 4, reiterating the legal basis on waste management, its recommended practices and action to be taken by the schools.

For more inquiries, please contact Dr. Pete Manantan, Chief Administrative Officer – Designate of City Health Office at 8352-1000 local 1116.

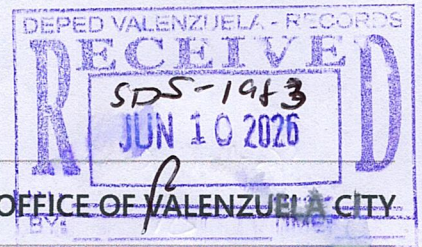
Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

**NOEL D. BACANO**  
Schools Division Superintendent

Division Letter No. 138, s. 2026

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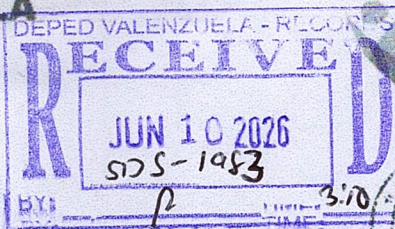


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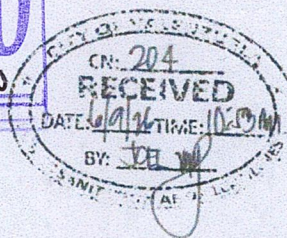
May 12, 2026

**Emmanuel S. Delesmo**

HEAD, Public Sanitation and Cleanliness Office



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Dear Mr Delesmo,

We acknowledge receipt of your endorsement letter dated June 4, 2026 regarding the request from the Schools Division Office of Valenzuela City on the disposal of chemical wastes and other hazardous materials generated within school premises.

Hazardous waste disposal in Philippine schools falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) and requires strict compliance with Republic Act No. 6969, the "Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act of 1990." Schools are mandated to segregate, label, and securely store laboratory chemicals, medical wastes, and e-waste, and to contract only with accredited DENR transporters and Treatment, Storage, and Disposal (TSD) facilities.

#### **Legal and Procedural Frameworks**

Republic Act 6969 (1990): Requires all generators of hazardous waste to ensure safe handling, transport, and disposal through accredited TSD facilities.

DENR Administrative Order No. 2013-22: Mandates registration of schools and institutions as hazardous waste generators and the use of a manifest system to track waste movement.

Department of Education Orders on School Safety: Reinforce compliance with environmental and occupational health standards to protect students and personnel. Refer to the Environmental Codes of Practice (ECOP) dated 9-30-2020.

#### **Recommended Practices**

A. Segregation at Source: Schools must separate chemical wastes (e.g., laboratory reagents, expired cleaning agents) from general waste. A Valenzuela City science laboratory successfully used color-coded containers with hazard labels, reducing accidental mixing and improving accountability.

B. Temporary Storage: Hazardous wastes should be kept in secure, ventilated areas with secondary containment. A Manila high school incident involving mercury thermometers highlighted the need for sealed containers and incident logs, which were later adopted.

C. Transport and Disposal: Only DENR-accredited collectors and transporters may handle hazardous waste. In one case, a public university required transporters to weigh waste in the presence of school representatives and issue Certificates of Treatment/Disposal, ensuring transparency.

D. Documentation: Schools must maintain manifests, training logs, and incident reports. A DepEd division office noted that incomplete documentation delayed DENR clearance, underscoring the importance of meticulous record-keeping.



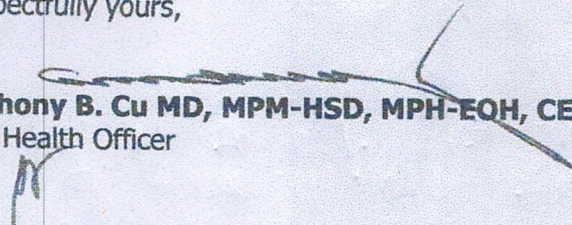
E. Emergency Preparedness: Schools should have contingency plans for spills or exposure. For example, a Quezon City science lab introduced spill kits and first aid training after a minor acid spill, preventing escalation and ensuring compliance.

**Action Points for Schools under DepEd**

1. Register as hazardous waste generators with the DENR-EMB.
2. Coordinate with DENR-EMB on accredited treaters and haulers.
3. Train designated staff on safe handling and emergency response.
4. Submit disposal manifests and Certificates of Treatment/Disposal to the DepEd Division Office for compliance monitoring.

We commend your proactive stance in safeguarding both the environment and the health of students and personnel. The City Health Office will communicate with DepED for technical assistance in implementing these procedures.

Respectfully yours,

  
**Anthony B. Cu MD, MPM-HSD, MPH-EQH, CESE**  
City Health Officer

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