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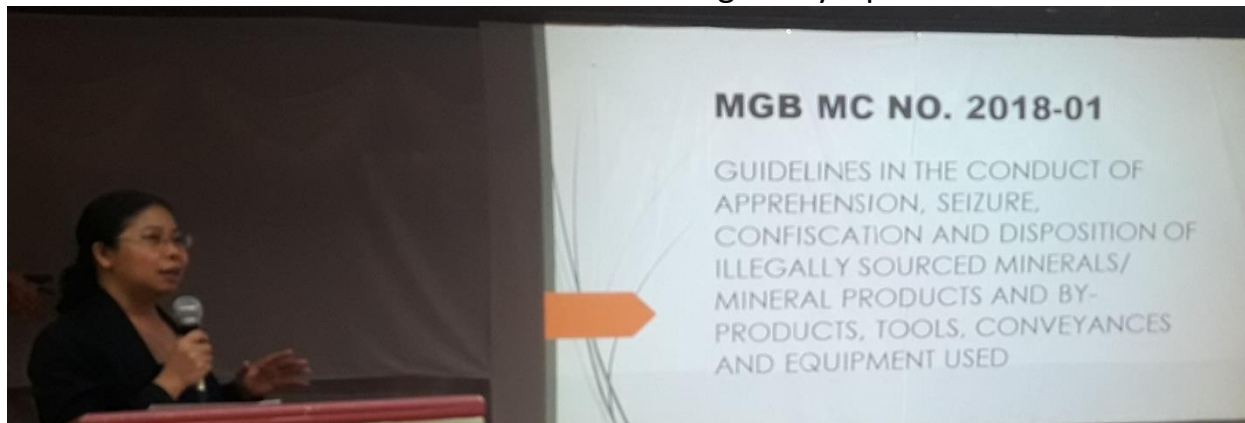
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Orientation Seminar on Mining Policy Update



(Upper Photo) Atty. Josephine V. Sescon, OIC, Legal Service Division, Mines and Geosciences Bureau, Manila elaborating MGB Memorandum Circular No. 2018 (Lower Photo) Speakers and participants during the Orientation Seminar

An Orientation Seminar on the Guidelines in the conduct of Apprehension, Seizure, Confiscation and Disposition of illegally sourced Minerals/Mineral Products and By-Products, Tools, Conveyances and Equipment used provided under MGB MC No. 2018-01 was conducted on August 24, 2018. It was held at the Philtown Hotel and Restaurant and was attended by fifty (50) participants from

the different PENROs/CENROs, representatives from DENR , EMB and some MGB X technical personnel.

The Seminar was aimed to orient the participants on the updated policy guidelines in the apprehension, confiscation and disposition of illegally sourced minerals as provided under MGB Memorandum Circular No.2018-01 and as presented by Atty. Josephine V. Sescon, OIC, Legal Service Division MGB Central Office, Manila.

Part of the activity was a simulation by the participants on the actual conduct of apprehension, Confiscation and seizure of illegally transported minerals. MMD Chief Engineer Daniel S. Belderol and MESDD Chief Engineer Rodante B. Felina of MGB X were asked to evaluate/critique the simulated process where they gave their comments and suggestions to improve the process.

Other topics presented include “Integrated Environmental Crime Reduction Roadmap” by MGB X Regional Director Rex S. Monsanto, “Regional Situationer on Anti-Illegal Mining Campaign “ presented by Engineer Daniel S. Belderol, Chief, MGB X Mine Management Division , while Ms. Diory G. Carr, Legal Researcher, MGB Central Office-Manila discussed the “National Situationer on Anti-Illegal Mining Campaign, highlighting MGB Efforts on its anti-illegal Mining Campaign in the different parts of the country.

On the part of the proposed Department Administrative Order (DAO) Defining Coordination and Collaboration of Modalities between and among the Regional Offices of the DENR, EMB and MGB X, Ms. Luzminda G. Legara, OIC, Chief Enforcement Division, DENR X discussed the topic on “Selection of Authorized Representatives of the Quick Response Environmental Teams (QRET) as provided under Section 3.5 of the proposed DAO.

A Capability Program for PENROs, CENROs and embedded technical personnel (geologists/mining engineers) will be conducted soonest as agreed during the Orientation Seminar.