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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 731



Introduced by Representative Frederick W. Siao

RESOLUTION

URGING THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE LEACHATE LEAK OF THE NEARBY LANDFILL WHICH CONTAMINATED DODIONGAN FALLS IN THE CITY OF ILIGAN

WHEREAS, the City of Iligan is dubbed as the “City of Majestic Water Falls”;

WHEREAS, among the water fall which brings pride and honor to the City of Iligan is Dodiongan Falls;

WHEREAS, Dodiongan Falls is a twin waterfall soaring to about 66 feet and located in Barangay Dingkila-an, Iligan City;

WHEREAS, the said body of water is a source of livelihood and food security of the residents of Barangays Bonbonon and Digkilaan in the City of Iligan;

WHEREAS, since 2016, the residents of the said barangays started to see black and brown liquid being carried by the streams into the falls and nearby rivers from the nearby landfill¹;

WHEREAS, both residents and tourists have already noticed the murky waters supplying the falls as a result of the leachate and they fear that this would discourage tourists and affect their means of living;²

¹ <https://news.abs-cbn.com/news/11/09/16/landfill-leachate-leaks-into-dodiongan-falls>

² Ibid.

WHEREAS, the residents in the vicinity have also been complaining that the contamination has caused skin diseases to some of them³;

WHEREAS, considering that the residents of Barangays Digkilaan and Bonbonon are remote barangays that rely primarily on springs and deep wells, they fear that the leachate from the nearby landfill would also contaminate their drinking water in the long run;

WHEREAS, this contamination of Dodiongan Water Falls would have been averted, if not prevented, had the National Solid Waste Management Commission has done its job as mandated by law;

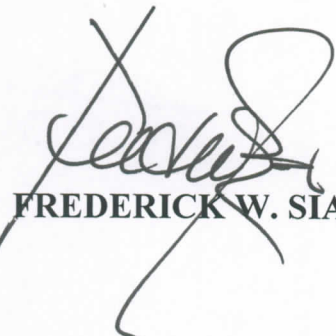
WHEREAS, Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9003 or the "*Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000*," empowers the Commission approve, review and regulate landfill operations in the country including that in Iligan City;

WHEREAS, the environmental degradation of Dodiongan Falls could have been prevented had the Department of Environment and Natural Resources through its Environmental Management Bureau strictly implemented and monitored the operation of the landfill, formulated viable ways to effectively handle collected solid waste, in accordance with Section 8 (g) of Republic Act No. 9003, and immediately mitigate this alarming situation and its impact on the people's health, livelihood and quality of life;

WHEREAS, an investigation is warranted to address the said issue before this develops into a tragedy, one wherein residents of Iligan City would find difficult to recover from: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, to urge the Committee on Natural Resources to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the leachate leak of the nearby landfill which contaminated the Dodiongan Falls in the City of Iligan.

Adopted,


FREDERICK W. SIAO

³ Ibid.