



COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE : JULY 8. 2026

TO : THE PRESIDING OFFICER

FROM : JOINT-COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, SOLID AND LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, PUBLIC WELFARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES

SUBJECT : ENDORSEMENT LETTER FROM HON. ROMMEL ANTHONY V. MAGBITANG FOR THE PASSAGE OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO ENTER INTO AND SIGN A TRIPARTITE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION, TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL OF INFECTIOUS WASTE

A joint committee meeting was conducted by the **Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources, Solid and Liquid Waste Management**, and the **Committee on Health, Public Welfare and Social Services**, chaired by **Hon. Glennon I. Pegollo**, to discuss the proposed resolution "**A Resolution Authorizing the Local Chief Executive to Enter Into and Sign a Tripartite Memorandum of Agreement for the Collection, Treatment, and Disposal of Infectious Waste.**"

The meeting was attended by **Hon. Cesar Ryan Nazareno**, **Hon. Arnel Milay**, **Hon. Raymond B. Senia**, **Hon. Rodrigo A. Castillo**, **SK Federation President Darlaine M. Benesen**, **Mr. Oliver Begaso**, Operations and Administrative Officer of **Jerm Waste Transport Services**, and **Mr. Aries Madlangbayan**, representative of the **Rural Health Unit (RHU) of Naic**.

At the start of the discussion, the RHU representative informed the Committee that their attendance in the meeting was authorized by the Office of the Municipal Mayor.

The RHU also explained the purpose of the proposed Tripartite Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) among the Municipality of Naic as the Generator, Jerm Waste Transport Services as the Transporter, and Maya Waste Corporation as the Treater. The agreement aims to ensure the proper and lawful collection, transport, treatment, and disposal of infectious healthcare waste in accordance with existing environmental, public health, and waste management laws. The proposed agreement covers the period from May 20, 2026, to December 30, 2027.

Mr. Oliver Begaso of Jerm Waste Transport Services explained that their company has been the accredited transporter of the RHU's infectious healthcare waste since 2019. Their first contract was for one (1) year and was renewed every year until it became a two-year contract in 2023, which expired in 2025.

He further explained that the renewal of the MOA was delayed because the accreditation of their previous partner treater had expired. As a result, the required documents for the renewal could not be completed immediately. When asked where the infectious waste was brought during this period, he stated that Jerm Waste Transport Services coordinated with another accredited treater while waiting for the new agreement.

The RHU representative informed the Committee that the remaining infectious waste is temporarily stored in a secured storage room inside the RHU. However, the amount is already minimal because Jerm Waste Transport Services continued collecting the waste even after the previous contract had expired. The remaining waste in storage had accumulated only during the period when the former treater's accreditation had expired.



The RHU also explained that the amount of infectious waste produced every day is not the same. Collection is not done daily or twice a month but depends on the required minimum or critical volume. Usually, the transporter collects the waste when it reaches around 500 kilograms. At present, the RHU estimates that about 800 to 900 kilograms of infectious waste remain in temporary storage.

The RHU assured the Committee that all stored infectious waste, including used syringes, laboratory waste, and small amounts of expired medicines, are properly sealed and safely kept inside a secured storage room following existing health and environmental standards. They stated that the stored waste does not pose a risk to public health.

During the discussion on the proposed MOA, the representatives confirmed that once a contract expires, a new application must be submitted to the Local Government Unit and undergo the procurement process through the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC). Once awarded, the new MOA must be approved through a Resolution of the Sangguniang Bayan before it becomes effective.

The RHU also informed the Committee that lying-in clinics and laboratories in the Municipality of Naic are regularly monitored regarding the proper handling of their infectious and hazardous healthcare waste. These facilities have their own agreements with accredited transporters.

It was also explained that the previous plan to enter into an agreement with Integrated Waste Management Inc. (IWMI) did not proceed because its accreditation had expired. Likewise, Earth Clean, supposed to be a partner treater, also failed to continue for the same reason. Because of this, Maya Waste Corporation was chosen as the new treater under the proposed Tripartite MOA.

The Committee asked how Maya Waste Corporation became part of the proposed agreement without first informing the Local Government Unit about the expiration of the previous treater's accreditation. Mr. Aries Madlangbayan explained that Maya Waste Corporation was recommended as their new partner treater.

The Committee also asked whether Maya Waste Corporation had already submitted all the required documents to the Local Government Unit. It was confirmed that, at the time of the meeting, the company had not yet submitted all the necessary documents. The Committee therefore requested the submission of all legal documents, including proof of accreditation from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and other concerned government agencies, to confirm that the company is legally authorized to treat infectious and hazardous healthcare waste.

The Committee also discussed the bidders that participated in the procurement process, namely Integrated Waste Management Inc. (IWMI), South Chem, Jerm Waste Transport Services, Earth Clean, and Maya Waste Corporation. The Committee emphasized that the legal documents and accreditation of the treater must first be verified before any agreement is approved.

The Committee further explained that the agreement between the transporter and the treater is separate from the responsibility of the Local Government Unit. If the treater loses its accreditation, the LGU should not be held responsible. Instead, it is the duty of the transporter to secure another accredited treater in order to continue the service.

The Committee also asked whether the accumulated infectious waste could already be collected since the proposed MOA states that it is effective on May 20, 2026. The transporter explained that the MOA cannot yet be implemented because it still requires approval through a



Resolution of the Sangguniang Bayan. The Committee therefore recommended that the effectivity date of the MOA should be consistent with the date of approval of the Resolution.

It was also confirmed that only RHU Main and RHU Halang are currently covered by the waste collection service.

In the final part of the discussion, the Committee emphasized that the transporter remains responsible for collecting and transporting the infectious healthcare waste under its agreement with the Local Government Unit, regardless of the accreditation status of its partner treater. If the treater loses its accreditation, it is the responsibility of the transporter to find another accredited treater to ensure that waste collection will not be interrupted and that the accumulation of infectious waste in government health facilities will be avoided.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

After thorough discussion, the Joint Committee respectfully recommends the following:

1. That the accumulated infectious healthcare waste at the RHU be collected immediately to address the growing backlog, considering that the delay was not caused by the Local Government Unit but by the accreditation issue of the transporter's partner treater.
2. That Jerm Waste Transport Services and Maya Waste Corporation be required to submit all necessary legal documents, including valid accreditation from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and other concerned government agencies, before the proposed Memorandum of Agreement is approved.
3. That the effectivity of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement shall begin only upon the approval of the corresponding Resolution of the Sangguniang Bayan to ensure its legality and proper implementation.

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