

## NEA holds continuing Competency and Development Programs



In the continuing effort to capacitate and enhance the competencies of NEA and EC officials and employees including the EC Board of Directors, the Agency through the NEA-EC Training Institute (NETI), conducted a total 31 competency and certification trainings/seminars for some 1,419 participants.

Among the activities conducted were Basic Occupational Safety and Health (BOSH) for Regions I-III and CAR ECs held at Consumers Hall, Zamco II Main Office, Magsaysay, Castillejos, Zambales and Seminar-Workshop on Parliamentary Procedures held at Hotel Alejandro in Tacloban City.###

## NEA is a drug-free government agency

Based on the result of the mandatory drug testing conducted for its officials and employees including project officers (POs), NEA is a drug-free government agency.

All those who underwent the procedure were tested negative for Methamphetamine and Tetrahydrocannabinol, both illegal drugs.

The testing was conducted on May 27 and 28, 2019 to a total of 289 NEA personnel and POs led by Administrator Edgardo R. Masongsong.

This was in compliance with the Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular No. 13, s., 2017 that aims to ensure that government agencies remain drug-free in support to the national government's call for a drug-free Philippines.

The result was delivered by CREM Drug Testing Laboratory, a duly authorized and accredited testing laboratory by the Department of Health (DOH), which administered the test. ###

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Province Electric Cooperative, Inc. (MOPRECO) from Large to Extra Large EC, and the Busuanga Island Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BISELCO) from Medium to Large EC.

In a memorandum to ECs, NEA Administrator Edgardo Masongsong expressed the agency's satisfaction with the results of 2018 EC Overall Performance Assessment and Size Classification.

Masongsong said the year 2018 was very challenging for the electrification sector. He, however, commended the ECs of Regions I, VI, VII, VIII, and CARAGA "for excelling in their respective operations."

"The ECs' performance level for Calendar Year 2018 was impressive. Although there were lots of challenges that the NEA and the ECs encountered during the year, most

of the ECs sustained their exemplary performance," Masongsong said.

"Those ECs which need further improvements in overall performance should reassess existing programs and implement more aggressive strategies to address major problems and concerns," the NEA chief added.

Having supervisory powers over 121 ECs in the country, the NEA evaluates and determines their overall performance ratings using two criteria—Key Performance Standards (KPS), which account for 80 percent; and EC Classification (ECC), 20 percent.

These criteria were designed to measure the power co-ops' full compliance on four parameters, namely financial, institutional, technical, and reportorial requirements. The ECs

were rated from AAA as the highest to D as the lowest.

The mandatory assessment on the performance of non-profit distribution utilities started way back in 1982 to keep track of the viability of their operations economically and financially. Since then, the rules and guidelines have evolved and changed significantly.

Earlier, the NEA proposed amendments to the existing guidelines to include the energization level of the EC among the key parameters.

Energization level is measured by the number of consumer connections a power co-op achieves under a given timeline based on the official reports and/or documents it submitted through the NEA Business Intelligence Technology (NEA-BIT) web portal. ###