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NEA reminds ECs to submit risk assessment, resiliency compliance and emergency response plans

The National Electrification Administration (NEA) has reminded the electric cooperatives (ECs) to comply with the submission requirements stated in the Electric Cooperatives Emergency and Resiliency Fund (ECERF) Law.

In a memorandum, NEA Administrator Edgardo Masongsong gave the 121 ECs until August 31 to submit to the agency their respective Vulnerability and Risk Assessments, Resiliency Compliance Plans, and Emergency Response Plans.

Republic Act No. 11039, approved in 2018, creates the ECERF to be managed and administered by the NEA. The ECERF provides financial assistance to ECs for disaster mitigation, preparedness, and rehabilitation of ECs' damaged infrastructures after a fortuitous event or force majeure.

The law and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) also require ECs to submit to the NEA their comprehensive and integrated disaster management programs, such as Vulnerability and Risk Assessments, Resiliency Compliance Plans, and Emergency Response Plans on or before May of every year.

"The law and its Implementing Rules and Regulations state that failure to submit said assessment and plans shall bar the ECs from accessing the ECERF," Masongsong said in Memorandum No. 2021-31.

Hence, the NEA administrator reiterated to all ECs to submit the electronic copies of their assessments and plans to the agency's Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Department (DRRMD) not later than August 31, 2021. ###

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