The Department of Energy (DOE) was created on December 9, 1992 by virtue of RA 7638, supplanting the erstwhile Office of Energy Affairs.

DOE is mandated to prepare, integrate, coordinate, supervise and control all plans, programs, projects and activities of the Government relative to energy exploration, development, utilization, distribution and conservation.



In partnership with the stakeholders the Department of Energy shall improve the quality of life of the Filipino, by formulating and implementing policies and programs to ensure sustainable, stable, secure, sufficient, accessible and reasonably-priced energy.

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The Visayas Field Office (VFO) of the Department of Energy (DOE) is mandated to implement regional policies, plans, programs, and regulations of the Department relating to energy resources exploration and development, its judicious and efficient utilization that ensures adequate, efficient, and reliable supply of electricity and monitors the development in the downstream oil industry, development and utilization of renewable energy (RE) resources such as geothermal, hydro, ocean, biomass, solar, and wind with due regard to the environment and sustainable development in the Visayas.



VFO is comprised of two divisionsnamely, Energy Resource Development and Utilization Division (ERDUD) and Energy Industry Management Division (EIMD), with the following duties and responsibilities:

### >>>ERDUD

# **Energy Resource Development and Utili- zation Division**

- Formulates and implements policies, plans, programs, and regulations relative to energy resource development and utilization in the Visayas;
- Conducts initial/preliminary inspection and investigation of geothermal, coal, oil and natural gas operations as appropriate, with due regard to production, safety, health, environment and security in the Visayas;
- Provides technical assistance and energy advisory services to the various stakeholders and the public on geothermal, coal, oil, natural gas resources, RE and alternative fuels, including the efficient utilization of energy and alternative fuels and NAETs;
- Formulates policy recommendations on the application of RE, alternative fuels and new and advanced energy technologies (NAETs), energy efficiency and conservations in the Visayas;
- Develops regional energy efficiency indices for the various sectors in the Visayas;
- Develops and implements project proposals on RE systems, alternative fuels and NAETs for local application; and
- Develops and maintains regional data base on NAETs, energy utilization, including natural gas, RE, alternative fuels, etc. for planning purposes.

#### >>>EIMD

## **Energy Industry Management Division**

- Formulates policy recommendations and implements policies, plans and programs relating to the electric power and downstream oil industry activities in the Visayas, including environmental concerns;
- Provides inputs in the preparation of the Philippine Energy Plan (PEP), Philippine Power Development Plan (PDP), Transmission Development Plan (TDP), Missionary Electrification Development Plan (MEDP), Regional Energy Plans (REPs) and sectoral energy plans (SEPs);
- Maintains computerized regional database relative to the electric power and oil industry activities in the Visayas;
- Conducts routine and on-the-spot inspections of oil depots, gasoline stations, liquid fuels haulers, LPG refillers, marketers, dealers, and retail outlets to ensure compliance with DOE regulations;
- Conducts preliminary inspection and monitors the implementation of projects funded under Rule 29 of R.A 9136 (EPIRA), Implementing Rules and Regulations (ER 1-94);
- Conducts investigation on consumer complaints relative to liquid fuels and LPG and recommends appropriate action thereon; and
- Recommends initiation of legal action involving violators of regulations on liquid fuels and LPG, and non-compliance with R.A. 8479 or the Downstream Oil Industry Deregulation Act of 1998 and R.A. 8749 or the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999.