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MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (MEP)
ELIGIBILITY BADGE

I. REFERENCE:

HPCG Circular No. 06-10 dated 24 May 2010 "PCG Awards and Decorations"

II. PURPOSE:

This circular prescribes the eligibility, authority and policies governing the award of the MEP Eligibility Badge.

III. OBJECTIVE:

- a. To give identification to personnel assigned at the Marine Environmental Protection Command (MEPCOM) and its sub-units.
- b. To provide policies, guidance and procedures for recommending, processing, deliberating and conferring MEP Eligibility Badge.

IV. SCOPE:

This circular applies to all PCG personnel, Former MEPCOM Personnel and Honorary members to the Marine Environmental Protection Command (MEPCOM) as per its salient provisions to receive the above-mentioned badge.

V. THE MEP ELIGIBILITY BADGE

a. Description:

The design of the MEP Eligibility Badge represents the following traditional elements that best describes the function of MEPCOM:

1. **MEPCOM LOGO** - one of the functional commands of the Philippine Coast Guard with the mission to prevent and mitigate pollution at sea, rivers and tributaries within the territorial jurisdiction of the Philippines in order to

preserve a healthful and well-balanced marine environment and resources of the country.

2. **PROTECT** - from the name itself, the Marine Environmental Protection Command protects the marine environment from offshore sources of pollution as indicated in RA 9993, RA 9275 and PD 979.
3. **PRESERVE** - the Marine Environmental Protection Command preserves a healthful and well-balanced marine environment and resources of the country through the prevention and mitigation of pollution in marine waters within the jurisdiction of the Philippines.
4. **CONSERVE** - MEPCOM conserves the marine environment for a healthy ocean that regulates climate change and reduces climate change impacts.
5. **SWORD** - represents one of the functions of MEPCOM as the guardian of the Marine Environment that provides Marine Pollution materials and equipment as a requirement for operational readiness, pollution combat support and interoperability.
6. **CLAM** - clams are known to be an adaptable creature. They live in even harsh habitats like the Arctic and more pleasant regions like coral reefs. They are also known to produce a gem which is the mother of pearls which it protects within its shells. Like clams, MEPCOM personnel are adaptable in any circumstances. The people within the Command are produced by MEPCOM as clams to pearls - Valuable.
7. **THE WAVES** - primarily represents the marine environment which MEPCOM needed to protect at all cost. It caters around 80 per cent of global trade by volume, it must be protected from being damaged or polluted as there are many living organisms that depends on it. Its peculiar ecosystem must not be altered as a result of irresponsible waste and oil disposal.
8. **ANCHOR** - refers to the object that is used to secure another object or a base of stability and security. It symbolizes MEPCOM's character as a Command that promotes protection, safety, hope and stability.
9. **LIFE BUOY** - refers to the object that is used as a life preserver. It symbolizes MEPCOM's vision in protecting, preserving and conserving the marine environment and resources.
10. **ANCHOR WITH TRIDENT AND DOLPHIN** – the anchor represents the stability of the organization; it gets firmly planted into the bottom of the ocean floor and provides the ship with the stability it needs. While the trident symbolizes the most powerful Command of the Philippine Coast Guard which is the MEPCOM, implementing the most numbered national laws and international conventions.
11. **LIGHTNING** – Lightning symbolizes MEPCOM's capability to respond quickly to any marine pollution. It also represents connections using media



platforms, such as RT-PCR (Real-time progressive chronological report) and Viber, in monitoring maritime incidents.

12. **ATOM** – atom symbolizes the power of a science-based approach in the performance of MEPCOM's functions.
13. **PAWIKAN** - symbolizes longevity, endurance and persistence. It represents MEPCOM's commitment to service excellence and continuous growth through conduct of research and studies to promote effective marine environment protection.
14. **LAUREL WREATH** - represents commitment to the mandates of the Command and of the PCG Service.

b. To Whom Awarded:

1. PCG Officers and Non-Officers assigned at the Marine Environmental Protection Command (MEPCOM) and its sub-units.
2. Former PCG Officers and Non- Officers assigned at the Marine Environmental Protection Command.
3. PCG Officers inducted as honorary members who are recommended by the Commander, Marine Environmental Protection Command for their contributions in Marine Environmental Protection.

c. By Whom Awarded: Commander, Marine Environmental Protection Command (C, MEPCOM)

d. Requirements for the Award:

1. Candidate must be assigned at MEPCOM.
2. Former Officers and Non-Officers assigned at MEPCOM must have served for at least one (1) year and have undergone Basic Marine Environmental Protection Course (BMEPC) or any equivalent Courses/Training such as Basic MAREP, MARPOL, etc.
3. PCG Officers who were inducted as honorary members must have a significant contribution to the Marine Environmental Protection recognized by C,MEPCOM.
4. Approved by C,MEPCOM upon recommendation by the Chief of MEP Staff, MEPCOM.
5. MEPCOM personnel must serve for at least one (1) year and undertaken the Basic Marine Environmental Protection Course (BMEPC).



e. Dimensions:

1. Height : 1.5 inches
2. Width : 2.5 Inches



Figure 1. MEP Eligibility Badge in PCG Uniform
(Marlen, Bush Coat, Service Blouse, White Dock)

f. MEP Eligibility Badge Level of Distinction

Badge	Description	Level
A. MEP Executive Badge	Plain gold denoted with Stars	Flag ranks, C,MEPCOM, DC, MEPCOM and Former C,MEPCOM (CG ADM, CG VADM, CG RADM, CG COMMO)
B. MEP Officers Badge	Plain Gold	MEPCOM Officers, PCG Officers Honorary Members, PCGA Honorary Members
C. MEP Enlisted Personnel Badge	Plain Silver	MEPCOM Enlisted Personnel, PCG Non-Officers Honorary Members

g. Illustration of Badges based on Level of Distinction:

Level of Distinction	Badge Distinction
A. MEP Executive Badge	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CG ADMIRAL 	

● CG VICE ADMIRAL



● CG REAR ADMIRAL



● CG COMMODORE



B. MEP OFFICERS BADGE



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**C. MEP ENLISTED
PERSONNEL BADGE**



VI. POLICY GUIDELINES

- a. C,MEPCOM upon recommendation by the Chief of MEP Staff, MEPCOM has the authority to approve and grant the badge to the personnel assigned at MEPCOM.
- b. C,MEPCOM as designated approving authority will require eligibility (e.g. training, seminars and etc.) upon the approval and grant of MEP Eligibility Badge.
- c. Granting of wearing of MEP Eligibility badge shall be covered and published through appropriate orders issued by MEP Staff for Human Resource Management, M-1.

VII. MANNER OF WEARING

- a. The MEP Eligibility Badge will be one and half inch in height (H= 1.5") and two and a half inches in width (W= 2.5") at standing position.
- b. Personnel currently performing duties involving Marine Environmental Protection (MEP) shall wear the MEP Eligibility Badge at the upper left breast pocket above the line of the medals or ribbons on all uniforms authorized by the Philippine Coast Guard except for Battle Dress Uniform. The badge must be seen and recognizable as a specialization of the bearer.
- c. Personnel not currently serving or have already completed their duties involving Marine Environmental Protection (MEP) and honorary members shall wear the MEP Eligibility Badge at the upper right breast pocket on all uniforms authorized by the Philippine Coast Guard except for Battle Dress Uniform. The badge must be seen and recognizable as a specialization of the bearer.

VIII. TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

- a. Upon approval and effectivity of this circular:
1. Personnel currently assigned at the Marine Environmental Protection Command (MEPCOM) are entitled to the MEP Eligibility Badge upon the recommendation of the Chief of MEP Staff, MEPCOM and with the approval of C,MEPCOM.
 2. Personnel who have been previously assigned at the Marine Environmental Protection Command (MEPCOM) are also entitled to the MEP Eligibility Badge upon the submission of documentary evidence (e.g. assignment order, training certificates).
 3. MEP Staff for HRM, M-1 should maintain records of all awards and decorations issued to include supporting documents.

IX. RECISSION

Other policies that are inconsistent with this circular are hereby rescinded upon approval and effectivity of this circular.


X. EFFECTIVITY

This circular shall be implemented upon approval.

BY COMMAND OF COAST GUARD ADMIRAL ABU:

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