



# THE PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY VERIFICATION (ETV) PROGRAM

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#### **VERIFICATION**

- Process of developing and implementing real world test and demonstration to verify/prove performance of a particular technology with regard to all relevant parameters
- Aims to promote environmental protection by significantly accelerating acceptance and use of improved and cost-effective technologies



#### ETV BENEFITS

- Safeguard from phased out or outdated technologies and other technologies that can cause environmental detriments
- Provide objective and credible performance data
- Open and transparent information sharing among interested parties
- Reduce time and expense in market introduction
- Enhance industry incentives to invest in environmental technology R&D



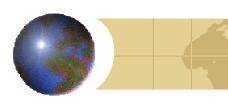
# Fundamentals of the ETV Program

- Identifying and partnering with stakeholders is vital for a successful implementation of the program
- Science and technology prudently applied is part of the sustainable process
- The process of the ETV Program is a valueadding activity
- ETV is a dynamic process



# Background on the Philippine ETV Program Development

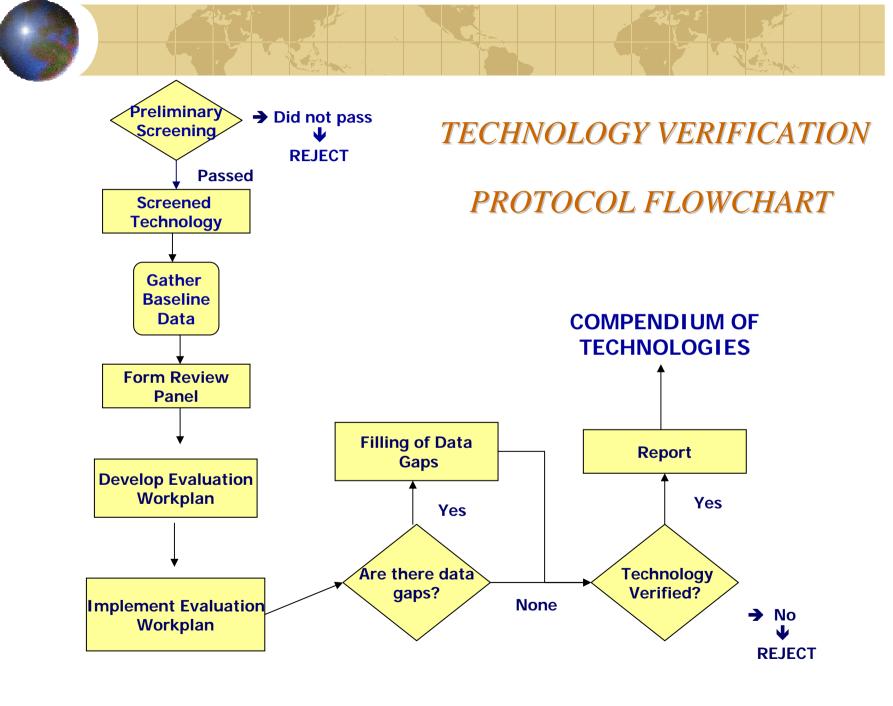
- Groundwork by which Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI) initiated the program
  - Principles of sustainable development of Philippine Agenda 21
  - Department of Science and Technology (DOST)'s mandate by virtue of Executive Order (EO) No.
     128
  - Preparatory study on Environmental Technology Assessment System funded by UNIDO



# 1. Application **Submission**

- 2. Preliminary Review
  - 3. Evaluation Panel Formation
    - 4. Evaluation Plan Development
      - 5. Test Plan Execution
        - 6. Report Preparation/Distribution

#### **VERIFICATION SYSTEM**





#### Application Submission

Technology developers and providers submit candidate product for verification

Applicant agree and comply with terms and conditions stipulated in Operating Policies



#### Preliminary Review

- Review and evaluation of submitted data based on set primary criteria that includes
  - Technology's marketability
  - Proprietary factor
  - Positive environmental performance
- Customized service provision to each applicant, depending on the technology



#### Expert Panel Formation

- Each panel has a core group of industry users, public interest, and other stakeholders
- Goal is to establish a panel that is diverse with respect to organization, expertise, experience, and geographic region
- Avoid potential conflicts of interest, ETV Program will require all panelists to complete disclosure forms and confidentiality agreements, and comply with the ETV Program Governing Principles



# Test Plan Development

- Formulation of test plan customized for technology or product, following ETV Program's Technical Protocol
- Performance criteria to address issues such as:
  - Technology's functional performance
  - Environmental benefits
  - Implementability
  - Regulatory aspects
  - Maintenance requirements
  - Costs



#### Test Plan Development

- Test plan must include appropriate quality assurance/control (QA/QC) procedures
- Upon applicant's approval of initial plan, and resolution of funding issues, final plan will be developed and executed
- Final plan will identify scope, schedule, and costs of field or laboratory testing, sampling, in-service demonstrations, etc.



#### Test Plan Execution

- Subcontracting of the following activities to consultants or other organizations
  - Field tests and sampling
  - Laboratory analysis
  - Demonstration projects
- Typically, applicant is responsible for financing the tasks



#### Report Preparation and Distribution

- Preparation of the ETV report and ETV statement
- Active distribution of report through ETV Program's networks to key stakeholders:
  - Regulatory offices
  - Facility owners and operators
  - Consulting engineering firms
- Distribution through DOST publications and website



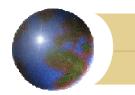
#### Application of the ETV Process

- Use of alternative fuels and raw materials (AFR) in the cement industry
  - Agricultural chemical company wanted to dispose its herbicide
  - Send to Europe or use as AFR in cement kilns
  - Formation of expert panel from EMB (regulatory agency), cement company (technology supplier), agricultural company (technology user), and a laboratory (testing and evaluation)



# Application of the ETV Process

- ETV of an enhanced biogas digester design
  - Panel of experts composed of representatives from Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority, Bureau of Soils and Water Management, Department of Energy, EMB, and academe
  - Verification coverage included the following areas:
    - Wastewater generation and characteristics
    - Biogas quality and quantity
    - Biogas utilization and consumption
    - Organic fertilizer quality
    - Pollution reduction
  - verification process has successfully confirmed several claims and advantages of installed biogas digester at test facility



# Promoting Collaborative Approach

- Economics and environment can be complementary
- Issues to be addressed
  - Establish minimum parameters for transfer
  - Define quality management needs and requirements
  - Develop cooperation among interests
  - Incorporate objectivity and independence
  - Define methods for assessing parameters to the extent possible
  - Establish communication approaches
  - Identify and mobilize resources and funds