
**ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS (EMF) REPORT FROM THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
for the World Health Organization's (WHO) International Advisory Committee
Meeting on Non-Ionizing Radiation on 9-11 June 2026**

1. General Research Activities regarding Electromagnetic Health (EMF)

- a. Research institutions, such as the University of Santo Tomas and the University of the Philippines continue to produce research on EMF exposure protection and safety across different fields (e.g. environmental, medical, and industrial).
- b. The Center for Device Regulation, Radiation Health, and Research of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA-CDRRHR) reviews and considers such research in aid of regulation and policy making.

2. New policies in relation to EMF exposure

- a. The draft Rules and Regulation for Establishment and Operation of Medical Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Facilities in the Philippines is in the final stage of review and approval by FDA management. It is estimated to be issued and implemented this year.
- b. In line with the aim of adopting the 2020 ICNIRP Statement on the Principles of Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection, the FDA-CDRRHR plans to conduct a writeshop for the drafting of the National Basic Standards for Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection and Safety in August 2026.

3. Areas of Public Concern and National Response

- a. With the continuing expansion of telecommunications infrastructure, including common towers and 5G facilities, public inquiries related to EMF exposure and health concerns increased. In response, the FDA-CDRRHR participated in several public hearings hosted by local government units and homeowners associations and in public awareness activities initiated by various agencies, including the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD), to discuss health concerns due to EMF exposure and other related concerns associated with the implementation of Executive Order (EO) No. 32 s. 2023 entitled "Streamlining the Permitting Process for the Construction of Telecommunications and Internet Infrastructure".
- b. FDA-CDRRHR also continues to accommodate requests for radiation protection and safety evaluations of various areas of concerns using FDA-CDRRHR's EMF meters.


4. New Public Information Activities

The FDA maintains online Information, Communication, and Educational (IEC) campaigns and materials. Additionally, the FDA conducts advocacy activities in selected universities and LGUs, which include discussions on radiation safety, particularly on electromagnetic field (EMF) exposure.

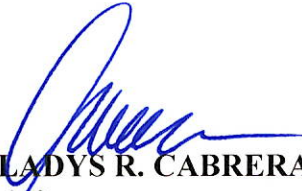
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