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HAGÁTÑA, GUAM 96910  
U.S.A.

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2003-17**

**RELATIVE TO INSTITUTING A GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WIDE  
RECYCLING PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 24-  
304 AND THE INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, Guam faces serious solid waste management challenges, including an outdated and overflowing landfill and a lack of safe disposal options for many types of waste; and

**WHEREAS**, our island's growing population and dependence on imported products are creating an ever-growing waste stream, yet we have not created a solid waste management system that is adequate to meet these new demands; and

**WHEREAS**, our limited land mass and the need to protect invaluable natural resources, including the northern aquifer that supplies most of our drinking water, require us to seek safe alternatives to a landfill; and

**WHEREAS**, private companies have already taken the first steps to provide the public with alternate disposal methods, including recycling options for many types of waste; and

**WHEREAS**, the government of Guam must set an example for the public, rather than continue to contribute to the island's solid waste management problems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan, adopted by Public Law 25-175, and Public Law 24-304, the Government of Guam Solid Waste Reduction Act, mandate aggressive recycling programs to reduce the solid waste stream.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FELIX P. CAMACHO, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan***, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do order:

**Plan of Action  
For  
Source Reduction and Recycling**

1. **Source Reduction.** Whenever possible, agency heads shall encourage reduction of waste by purchasing bulk products, selecting items with limited packaging, or sharing materials to reduce waste going to the Ordot dump.
2. **Pre-sorting Waste.** The following guidelines shall be implemented, except to the extent impracticable due to cash shortfall, by all agency heads to reduce waste and shall remain in effect until modified or terminated.
  - a. **Aluminum.** Agencies shall provide separate receptacles for aluminum waste, especially beverage containers, so these materials can be recycled.
  - b. **Paper.** Agencies shall provide separate receptacles for paper, including office paper, cardboard and newspapers.
  - c. **Other materials.**
    - i. Each agency shall ensure that batteries, vehicle oil, old appliances, tires, and other waste for which recycling options are available are disposed of properly.



- ii. As recycling options become available for other types of waste, including glass and plastic, agency heads shall provide separate containers for these materials to facilitate recycling.
3. **Designate Recycling Compliance Official.** An employee shall be designated to be the Recycling Compliance Official ("RCO"). The RCO shall coordinate with the Department of Public Works ("DPW"), the Guam Environmental Protection Agency ("GEPA"), and other organizations as necessary to develop the appropriate methods to maximize recycling options within the agency.
4. **Recycling Plan.** Each agency, in conjunction with DPW and GEPA, shall develop procedures to recycle pre-sorted waste.
5. **Monitoring of Agency Progress.** GEPA will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this Executive Order. It shall coordinate training to the RCOs and assist them with compiling quarterly reports. In accordance with Public Law 24-304, annual summaries of each agency's progress shall be produced and made available to the public.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam, this 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2003.

  
FELIX P. CAMACHO  
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Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

  
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