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NDRRMC UPDATE

Update on Alert Status and Activity of Taal Volcano

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I. SITUATION OVERVIEW

A. ALERT STATUS OF TAAL VOLCANO

This serves as notice for the raising of the alert status of Taal from Alert Level 2 (increasing unrest) to **Alert Level 3 (magmatic unrest)**.

As of 1404H (2:04 PST), Taal Volcano Main Crater has escalated its eruptive activity, generating an eruption plume 1 kilometer-high accompanied by volcanic tremor and felt earthquakes in Volcano Island and barangays of Agoncillo, Batangas. Ashfall is currently being showered on the southwest sector of Taal.

In view of the above, DOST-PHIVOLCS is now raising the alert status of Taal from Alert Level 2 to **Alert Level 3**. This means that there is Magmatic intrusion that is likely driving the current activity. PHIVOLCS strongly recommends Taal Volcano Island and high-risk barangays of Agoncillo and Laurel, Batangas be evacuated due to the possible hazards of pyroclastic density currents and volcanic tsunamis. **The public is reminded that the entire Volcano Island is a Permanent Danger Zone (PDZ)** and entry into the island as well as high-risk barangays of Agoncillo and Laurel is prohibited. In addition, communities around the Taal Lake shore are advised to take precautionary measures and be vigilant of possible lakewater disturbances related to the ongoing unrest.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

1. NDRRM Operations Center prepared NDRRMC Advisory and Update, and disseminated the same to OCD Regional Center IV-A through NDRRMC website in order to closely monitor the situation and take appropriate actions for any new development.
2. Concerned NDRRMC member-agencies were provided with a copy of the Memorandum for the SND.
3. DOST-PHIVOLCS is closely monitoring the activities of Taal Volcano and any new development will be relayed to all concerned.