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**MEMORANDUM  
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**FOR : PCG, BFAR, DILG, DENR-NAMRIA,  
RDRRMCs I and II**

**SUBJECT : ADVISORY ON PRC ROCKET LAUNCH**

*Source: Philippine Space Agency (PhilSA)*

The People's Republic of China is scheduled to launch the Long March 5 Y7 from the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site in Wenchang, Hainan sometime between 1921H-2140H on 23 February 2024. Parts of this Long March 5 Y7 rocket are expected to drop within the identified drop zone which is approximately 97 NM (DZ 1) away from Dalupiri Island, Cagayan and 113 NM (DZ 2) away from Santa Ana, Cagayan.

In this connection, the following actions are recommended related to Marine Access out of an abundance of caution between 1921H-2140H on 23 February 2024:

- a) **PCG, BFAR, DILG, and DENR-NAMRIA** are advised to consider temporary restrictions and the issuance of Notice to Mariners, Coastal Navigational Warnings or NAVAREA XI warnings, as applicable, in the identified drop zones to ensure the safety of the public on the waters near the drop zones.
- b) Concerned **RDRRMCs I and II** are required to continue monitoring and submit updates on this event.

**The estimated drop zone coordinates and summary of information are as follows**


| <b>DROP ZONE 1</b>          | <b>DROP ZONE 2</b>          |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>19 36 00N 118 27 00E</b> | <b>19 10 00N 124 14 00E</b> |
| <b>19 32 00N 119 30 00E</b> | <b>18 38 00N 125 08 00E</b> |
| <b>19 05 00N 119 29 00E</b> | <b>18 38 00N 125 08 00E</b> |
| <b>19 09 00N 118 26 00E</b> | <b>18 43 00N 124 12 00E</b> |

PhilSA cautions everyone against retrieving or coming in close proximity to these materials to minimize risk from remnants of toxic substances such as rocket fuel. Personnel protective equipment (PPE) is recommended when contact with the debris is necessary.

The public is advised to immediately inform local authorities of any suspected debris sighted at sea or land.

For guidance and strict compliance.

For the Executive Director, NDRRMC:



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