



MEMORANDUM
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**FOR : PCG, BFAR, DILG, DENR-NAMRIA,
 RDRRMC VIII**

SUBJECT : ADVISORY ON DPRK ROCKET LAUNCH

Source: Philippine Space Agency (PhilSA)

The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea is scheduled to launch a military reconnaissance satellite from the Sohae Satellite Launching Station in Tongchangri, Cholsan County, North Pyongan Province, North Korea sometime between 1038H-2300H on 27 May 2024 - 03 June 2024. Parts of this rocket are expected to drop within the identified drop zone, which is approximately 206 NM away from San Policarpio, Samar, and 204 NM away from Mercedes, Samar

In this connection, the following actions are recommended related to Marine Access out of an abundance of caution between 1038H-2300H on 27 May 2024 – 03 June 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 **RDRRMC VIII** is required to continue monitoring and submit updates on this event.

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

DROP ZONE 1	DROP ZONE 2	DROP ZONE 3
<i>Outside Manila Flight Information Region (FIR)</i>	<i>Outside Manila Flight Information Region (FIR)</i>	14 54 10N 128 40 06E
		15 01 42N 129 24 03E
		11 26 49N 129 54 08E
		11 19 18N 129 10 50E

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.

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