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BIG BOLD REFORMS:
THE PHILIPPINES 2026



Faster and Smarter Environmental Regulations

Sustainable **Digital** **Investor-Ready**



Time-Bound ECC Processing

40 Days

Environmentally Critical
Projects (ECPs)

20 Days

Non-Environmentally
Critical Projects (ECPs)

Enhanced Safeguards

For Protected Areas and Marine Corridors



Digital by Default

ECC & CNC

Online System

OPMS

Online Permitting and
Monitoring System

HWMS

Hazardous Waste Management System



2026 Reform Directions



**Fully Digital, Integrated, and
Streamlined Permitting System**



**Stronger Digital Monitoring
and Compliance Assurance**



Risk-Based and Proportionate Regulations

Enable sustainable mining

Responsible Development

Transparency

Future-Oriented



Mining for the Energy Transition

**Critical Minerals as
Growth and Jobs Drivers**

**Environmentally Responsible
Resource Development**



Key Reforms

**Competitive and Transparent
Area Disposition**

**Formalization of Small-
Scale Mining** i.e., **Big Brother-Small Brother Scheme**

Operational Improvements



2026 Policy Directions



**Critical Minerals
Development Roadmap**



**Streamlining Procedures
for quarry, sand, and gravel mining permit**



**Predictable and Risk-
Based Regulations**



**Investor Confidence with High
Environmental Integrity**



**Strategic Approach to Mineral
Resources Development**



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