

**DENR Memorandum Order**  
**No. 21**  
**October 18, 1994**

**SUBJECT : Memorandum on the Acceptance, Processing and Approval of Applications for All Forms of Permits Contracts, Operating Agreements and Clearances on Quarrying and Mining Activities in the Municipality of Antipolo, Province of Rizal.**

In consonance with the policy of the State to maintain and preserve natural resources and in order to achieve the development vision of the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan which categorically mandates the preservation and sustainable use of the country's natural resources; and pursuant to the instructions of the President which calls for the conduct of a multisectoral evaluation impact of quarrying and mining activities, a MORATORIUM on the acceptance, processing and approval of applications for all forms of permits, contracts, operating agreements and clearances on quarrying and mining activities in the Municipality of Antipolo, Province of Rizal, is hereby ORDERED until further notice.

Accordingly, the following implementing guidelines and instructions are hereby issued:

1. The Regional Executive Director (RED) of DENR IV-A shall cause the immediate creation of a multisectoral committee who shall primarily assess and determine a development strategy that would minimize, if not eradicate, adverse environmental impacts of all and any on-going and proposed quarrying and mining operations. The committee shall be chaired by the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (PENRO) of Rizal with membership composed of representatives from different concerned sectors.
2. The Regional Executive Director, in close coordination with the Regional Technical Directors for Mines and Geosciences and for Environment, shall define the specific functions, duties and responsibilities of the multisectoral committee, conformably to the purpose and objectives of its creation.
3. The herein MORATORIUM shall cover the acceptance, processing and approval of applications for all forms of permits, contracts, operating agreements and clearances on quarrying and mining activities in the Municipality of Antipolo, Province of Rizal, as well as the acceptance, processing and approval of applications of like permits, contracts,

operating agreements and clearances by other agencies of the government relative to quarrying and mining activities.

4. Upon approval of this order, applications previously filed prior to the effectivity hereof shall no longer be processed pending the result of the study by the multisectoral committee.
5. All mining operations with perfected mining rights granted through duly issued permits, contracts, operating agreements and clearances may continue their activities, provided that existing environmental and mining laws are appropriately observed and that the requirement of the environmental impact statement system are complied with.
6. The multisectoral committee may recommend through the Regional Executive Director, the imposition of penalties, suspension and/or cancellation of existing quarry and mining permits, contracts, operating agreements and clearances, if the committee, after due investigation and evaluation of performance and compliance to appropriate laws, rules and regulations, discover violations of the terms and conditions of the permits, contracts, operating agreements and/or the conditions embodied in the environmental compliance certificate and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations.
7. The Regional Executive Director shall prepare and submit to the Secretary within fifteen (15) days from issuance hereof, an implementing plan consistent with this order, which shall include, among others, the active participation of non-government organizations in the effective execution of the said plans. Moreover, the Regional Executive Director shall likewise order the periodic submission of reports on the implementation and compliance with this order.

This order shall take effect immediately.

SO ORDERED. October 18, 1994.

**ANGEL C. ALCALA**  
Secretary