

DENR Memorandum Order

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**SUBJECT : Strengthening Internal Linkages
With Respect To DENR Regional
Operations**

Pursuant to the continuing effort of the DENR to further improve the delivery of services and response to issues with respect to its regional operations, the linkage between the Regional Office of the MGB and the rest of the offices of the DENR at the regional level, shall be strengthened in accordance with the following guidelines:

A. On Administrative Matters

1. The MGB Regional Director (RD) shall:

- a. Periodically provide the Regional Executive Director (RED) with a copy of reports concerning critical issues being addressed and major activities undertaken, including the schedule of important events to be participated in or attended to;
- b. Regularly conduct briefings and orientations for DENR Regional personnel, including the PENROs and CENROs, regarding policy issuances current issues on mining, and other activities of the MGB;
- c. Clear with the DENR Secretary/MGB Director the issuance of all types of mining permits/contracts, prior to their approval;

- d. Provide regular updates to the RED concerning the approval of mining permits and contracts and policy issuances on mining; and
- c. Regularly participate in the staff meetings of the DENR Regional Office to harmonize and coordinate activities and major decisions with the RED.

2. The DENR Regional Executive Director (RED) shall:

- a. Be the official representative of all sectors of the DENR Regional Office, including the MGB Regional Office, in inter-agency fora/councils/committees such as the Regional Development Council (RDC), the Regional Disaster Coordinating Council (RDCC), and the like;
- b. Assume coordinative supervision over the MGB Regional Office in the conduct of DENR-wide special programs and activities, and in times of disaster and other emergency situations; and
- c. Provide full support and assistance to the implementation of policies, programs and activities for the sustainable development of the mining industry at the regional level.

B. On the Issuance of Cease-and-Desist-Orders (CDO)

In cases where a mining Contractor/Permittee/Permit Holder violates the terms and conditions of the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) and/or other anti-pollution laws and regulations which, in any instance, poses imminent danger to life or property, the RD, upon the concurrence of the RED, shall issue a Cease-and-Desist Order (CDO) until the danger is removed or

appropriate measures are taken by the same mining Contractor/Permittee/Permit Holder.

This order shall take effect immediately.

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