

**DENR Memorandum Order**

**No. 2001-02**

**May 21, 2001**

**Subject : Defining the Office of the Undersecretary for Environment and Natural Resources Legal and Legislative Affairs and the Offices Thereunder.**

In the interest of the service and by virtue of the power vested in me as the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, I, Heherson T. Alvarez, hereby defines the functions of the Undersecretary for Environment and Natural Resources Legal and Legislative Affairs as follows:

- Heads the Office of the Undersecretary for Environment and Natural Resources Legal and Legislative Affairs:
- Supervises the Legal Service (LS) and the International Affairs Office (IAO), and the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs,
- Supervises the Land Management Bureau (LMB), the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) and the Land Administration and Management Program (LAMP),
- Reviews licenses, permits, agreements, contracts, as well as decisions and orders, including cases filed with the legal units of the bureaus, regional, provincial, and community offices of the Department;
- Reviews all international agreements, protocols, and conventions involving environment and natural resources,
- Appears and acts as counsel for the Department;

- Provides legal advise to the Secretary;
- Assists and advises the Secretary in the promulgation of all office orders, rules and regulations,
- Takes the lead in the preparation of DENR's positions concerning bills and legislation on natural resources and environment;
- Supervises all the legal units in the bureaus and DENR regional/provincial/community offices in all legal matters;
- Serves as DENR representative to tile National Power Corporation (NAPOCOR) Board and performs other functions as assigned by the Secretary.

All concerned offices and agencies are hereby directed to cause the immediate implementation of this order.

This Decree takes effect immediately and supersedes all other issuances by the Department.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

**(Sgd.) HEHERSON T. ALVAREZ**  
Secretary