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DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
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**SUBJECT: REVOKING DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 99-14 AND RE-STRUCTURING THE DENR REGIONAL/FIELD OFFICES PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 192, SERIES OF 1987, AS AMENDED, AND OTHER RELATED LAWS**

In the interest of the public service and in line with the continuing organizational development of the Department, DENR Administrative Order No. 99-14 is hereby revoked. The set-up as provided for under Executive Order No. 192, Republic Act 7586 (NIPAS Law), Republic Act 8749 (Phil. Clean Air Act) and Republic Act 7942 (Phil. Mining Act of 1995) shall be implemented.

**Section 1. Realignment of Field Offices**

There shall be one DENR Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) per province. Consistent with E.O. 192, the Secretary shall create as many Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) as necessary depending on the geographical, physical, political and administrative requirements of the subject area.

Likewise, the following realignment and administrative arrangements are hereby adopted:

- 1.1 The administrative set-ups for Regions IV-A (CALABARZON) and IV-B (MIMAROPA) and the Province of Aurora shall be in accordance with Executive Order No. 103;
- 1.2 The supervision of the Province of Lanao del Norte and Iligan City shall remain with Region X;
- 1.3 The supervision of the Province of Basilan (except Isabela City) and Marawi City shall be transferred to the Regional Government of the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM); and
- 1.4 The supervision of the Province of Compostela Valley shall remain with Region XI.

**Section 2. Redefinition of Functions**

The designation of Assistant Regional Executive Director (ARED) is hereby abolished/discontinued effective January 2003. The designation/position of Regional Technical Directors for (a) Forestry; (b) Land; (c) Research; and (d) Protected Areas, Wildlife and Coastal Resources are hereby re-instituted. The Regional Technical Directors (RTDs) shall provide operational, technical and other assistance/support to the Regional Executive Directors (REDs) in managing/supervising the DENR Field Offices (CENROs/PENROs). Specifically, they shall supervise the following Divisions:

**2.1 Regional Technical Director for Forestry**

- a. Forest Resources Development Division (FRDD)
- b. Forest Resources Conservation Division (FRCD)

**2.2 Regional Technical Director for Lands**

- a. Surveys Division (SD), which shall assume the Land Evaluation Party, Field Network Survey Party, and the survey verification functions
- b. Land Management Division (LMD)

**2.3. Regional Technical Director for Research**

- a. Technology Transfer and Utilization Division (TTUD)
- b. Ecosystems Research and Development Division (ERDD)

**2.3 Regional Technical Director for Protected Areas, Wildlife and Coastal Resources (PAWCOR)**

- a. Protected Areas and Wildlife Division (PAWD)
- b. Coastal and Marine Management Division (CMMD)

In cases of overlap, conflict and/or undefined functions as may be brought about by the foregoing redefinition of functions, the REDs, through a resolution in a formal REDs Meeting, are hereby authorized to clarify such overlap, conflict and/or undefined function. Such resolution shall be approved by the Undersecretary for ENR Operations and remain valid and binding unless revoked by the Undersigned.

**Section 3. Transitional Arrangements for Administrative, Legal and other Support Services**

In order not to disrupt the flow of services at the DENR Regional Offices, the Legal, Administrative, Finance, and Planning Divisions, and the Regional Public Affairs Office shall be under the Office of the Regional Executive Director as a transitional arrangement. A committee shall be created to study the appropriate set-up allowed by law.

**Section 4. Amendment of the Manual of Approvals**

For consistency and in order to clearly define the delegation of authorities within the Department, DAO 2000-11 is hereby **revoked**. Likewise, DAO 98-24 is hereby re-instituted. The Undersecretary for Policy and Planning in consultation with the Undersecretary for ENR Operations and other concerned offices, is hereby instructed to review/evaluate DAO 98-24, DAO 2000-11 and other related issuances and submit a new/amended Manual of Approvals within thirty days from the date of this Order.

**Section 5. Budget Realignment**

The Finance and Administrative Services Office and the Planning and Policy Studies Office are hereby instructed to realign in the current budget and to reflect in the budget for CY 2003 all the administrative changes promulgated in this Order.

**Section 6. Selection/Designation of Regional Officials**

A Special Committee headed by the Undersecretary for ENR Operations, is hereby created to evaluate and recommend the candidates for Regional Directors, Regional Technical Directors, PENROs and CENROs, for the Secretary's approval.

Likewise, designation/assignment of Division Chiefs in the Regional Offices shall be approved by the Undersecretary for Environment and Natural Resources Operations. Designation/appointment to positions of regional/field personnel below the Division Chief (SG-24) shall be confirmed/approved by the REDs.

**Section 7. Repealing Clause**

This Order hereby revokes/repeals DENR Administrative Order Nos. 99-14 and 2000-11. Likewise, all Department Orders, Circulars or Instructions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Any provision of this Order, which may be declared inconsistent with existing laws/constitution, shall not affect the validity of the other provisions of this Order.

**Section 8. Effectivity**

This Order shall take effect immediately.



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Secretary

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