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DENR MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 2002 - 61

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SUBJECT: REVOKING DENR SPECIAL ORDER NO. 2000-348 AND RATIONALIZING THE PROCESSING, EVALUATION! VALIDATION OF IFMA APPLICATIONS, CDMP, IAOP AND RELATED FORESTRY DOCUMENTS.

in the interest of the service and in order to rationalize the processing; evaluation and validation of integrated Forest Management Agreement (IFMA) applications; Comprehensive Development Management Plan (CDMP), Operations Plans (i.e. IAOP) and related forestry documents, DENR Special Order, No. 2000-348 creating the Field Evaluation Team (FET) is hereby revoked.

Henceforth, all processing and evaluation of IFMA applications, CDMPs. Ops/IAOP shall follow the normal process, subject to existing guidelines. Specifically, all IFMA applications, CDMPs, OPs/IAOPs and related forestry documents shall be submitted to the concerned Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) for recording and evaluation purposes. Thereafter, said documents shall be endorsed to the concerned Regional Office (ORED), through the respective Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO).

Primarily the conduct of review and validation of all IFMA applications, CDMPs, OPs/IAOPs and related forestry documents shall be done by the concerned Regional Office (ORED) subject to existing guidelines/procedures, with the assistance from the Forest Management Bureau (FMB).

The Regional Office shall, within 30 days from receipt of the concerned document endorse the same to the Undersecretary for Environment and Natural Resources Operations, who shall in turn review or may refer the same to the FMB and/or other concerned DENR offices for further evaluation, prior to his endorsement to the Secretary for final approval.

The ENR Operations office is hereby instructed to oversee the smooth implementation of this Order consistent with the Department's support to the President's recent SONA commitments, specifically on reducing/eradicating red tape within the bureaucracy.

Moreover, submission of fictitious and/or erroneous data/reports shall be dealt with accordingly.

FOR STRICT COMPLIANCE.

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