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DEPARTMENT ORDER )  
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SUBJECT: INCREASING THE COVERAGE  
OF PROJECT ASSESSMENTS  
BY THE QUALITY ASSURANCE  
UNITS (QAUs)

In order to increase the coverage of project assessments, consistent with the policy direction of the Department to enhance the quality of work, it is hereby directed that the quarterly assessment being conducted by the Quality Assurance Unit-Central Office (QAU-CO) shall be complemented by the assessment of the Quality Assurance Unit-Regional Office (QAU-RO).

As such, assessment of all foreign-assisted projects implemented by the Project Management Offices (PMOs) including some district-implemented projects shall be carried-out by the QAU-RO, except for projects under the 6<sup>th</sup> ADB which are being assessed by the QAU-CO as per agreement with the Bank. The QAU-CO, however, shall continue to assess projects implemented by the regional and district offices, aside from ADB-assisted projects. All projects assessed by the QAU-RO in a quarter shall no longer have to be assessed by the QAU-CO for the same quarter. Only QAU-RO members who have undergone QAU training will be allowed to conduct project assessment.

All Project Assessment Reports made by the QAU-RO shall be submitted within fifteen (15) days after each quarterly assessment to the **Assistant Secretary In-Charge of the Bureau of Research and Standards (BRS)** thru the **BRS Director**. The BRS shall then prepare the corresponding action memorandum to the concerned implementing office, relative to the defects/deficiencies noted in the projects, if there is any.

The Regional Office shall ensure that funds for the purpose shall be made available to expedite the conduct of the project assessment by the QAU-RO.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

  
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Acting Secretary