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DEPARTMENT ORDER)

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SUBJECT: Revision on the Adoption of the DPWH Standard Specifications for Highways, Bridges and Airports, Volume II; for Public Works Structures, Volume III; and, Special Items of Work (SPLs) in DPWH Projects

In spite of the issuance of the Memorandum dated February 21, 2017 reiterating strict compliance to Department Order No. 174, Series of 2015, it is observed that there are still some DPWH Implementing Offices that prepare and submit technical specifications of various Special Items of Work (SPL) to the Bureau of Research and Standards (BRS) without the necessary technical references [e.g., ASTM, AASHTO, Philippine National Standards (PNS), JICA Manuals, etc.] used in the preparation/formulation thereof which hinders the BRS from effectively evaluating the same. Further, some SPLs are even prepared and submitted long after the project has commenced and even just prior to the processing of the Contractor's progress billing which gives an impression that the SPLs were just prepared to facilitate this purpose. These actions not only cause undue delay in project implementation but violate/circumvent the provisions and defeat the very purpose of said policy issuance.

In view hereof and in order to address the issue, it is informed that henceforth, the **use of SPLs in DPWH infrastructure projects will no longer be allowed**. The DPWH Implementing Offices are hereby directed to strictly adopt the DPWH Standard Specifications for Highways, Bridges and Airports, Volume II and for Public Works Structures, Volume III to avoid unnecessary delays during the implementation of various DPWH projects and to facilitate the expeditious evaluation thereof by the DPWH Inspectors as to conformance with the Plans and compliance to the prescribed Specifications.

However, in cases wherein items of work that are not found in the DPWH Standard Specifications Volumes II and III are required to be utilized in DPWH infrastructure projects to suit actual field conditions, the concerned implementing office shall submit the Generic Technical Specifications of such with the corresponding references to the BRS. The submitted Generic Technical Specifications shall serve as reference in the preparation of **new DPWH Standard Specifications** which will eventually be included in the Project Contract Management Application (PCMA) and then be established as Regular Items of Work upon approval of the Secretary.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall supersede Department Order No. 174, Series of 2015, (*Adoption of the DPWH Standard Specifications for Highways, Bridges and Airports, Volume II, for Public Works Structures, Volume III and Special Items of Work (SPLs) in DPWH Projects*).


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