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DEPARTMENT ORDER )

NO. **203** )  
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SUBJECT : Amendment to Department Order No. 29, Series of 1994 re: Utilizing First the Services of the Bureau of Research and Standards (BRS), Regional and District Laboratories of the DPWH in Testing of Samples of Construction Materials

It has been observed that the private testing laboratories accredited by the DPWH are being utilized fully by some contractors who do not have adequate testing equipment for quality control. The practice is contrary to the provisions of Department Order No. 29, series of 1994, that authorized said private testing laboratories to perform test for and in behalf of the DPWH, only in cases wherein the Department does not have the capability to conduct the test.

As such, contractors who wish to engage the services of accredited private testing laboratories should be required to obtain first a certification from the BRS or the concerned DPWH Regional or District Testing Laboratory that it does not have the capability to undertake the desired tests.

Except for the above amendment, the other provisions of Department Order No. 29 shall remain in force and should be strictly complied with.

This Order takes effect immediately.

  
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Acting Secretary



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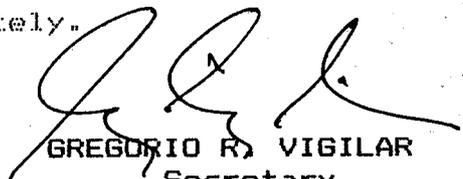
SUBJECT : Utilizing First the Services of the Bureau of Research and Standards (BRS), Regional and District Laboratories of the DPWH in Testing of Samples of Construction Materials.

It has been observed that some contractors who do not have adequate testing capability avail themselves completely of the services of the DPWH accredited private testing laboratories or other testing laboratories not accredited by the DPWH in testing of construction materials intended for DPWH projects without first utilizing the services of the DPWH testing laboratories. While it is true that there are some private testing laboratories authorized by the Department to conduct or perform tests for and in behalf of the DPWH, it has to be stressed that such accreditation was made only to augment the testing capability of the Department.

Henceforth, in order to ensure that only construction materials of specified quality will be used in DPWH projects, it is hereby directed that said contractors must be required to utilize first the services of the BRS or any of the Regional and District laboratories nearest to their area.

Only in cases wherein the DPWH does not have the capability to conduct tests on samples of construction materials because of the absence of laboratory testing apparatus and equipment or due to other reasons beyond its control may, the contractors upon advice, avail themselves of the services of the DPWH accredited private testing laboratories, as designated by the BRS or the concerned Regional/District Laboratories, provided that testing shall be witnessed both by the authorized representatives of the designating office and the concerned implementing office.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

  
GREGORIO R. VIGILAR  
Secretary