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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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To All: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Regional Directors/Regional Equipment Engineers
Bureau Directors
Project Managers/Engineers
District Engineers
Fiscal Controllers/Chief Accountants
Cashier/Budget Officers
All Others Concerned
This Department

SUBJECT : Prioritization in the Payment of Pending Claims

In the interest of the service and in addition to the provisions of Department Order No. 74, series of 2001, the following order of priority shall be followed in the payment of various claims using available NCAs for current year obligations:

- First Priority - Claims for Salaries and Wages
- Second Priority - Claims of Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses(MOOE)
- Third Priority - Unpaid creditors/claims of the previous request (List of Due and Demandable) which were not accommodated due to insufficient release of cash by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM)
- Fourth Priority - Funding checks for Regional Offices, District Offices and Project Management Offices
- Fifth Priority - Current month's List of Due and Demandable Claims using the First-in-First out method

Exception applies to claims of NRIMP projects for preventive maintenance which will be given priority over Item No. 3 to avoid payment of penalty for delayed payment.

Any utilization of NCAs for current obligations inconsistent with this prioritization shall be subject to approval by the Secretary.

For strict compliance.


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Secretary