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SUBJECT: CREATION OF INTER-AGENCY
STEERING COMMITTEE/
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
IN THE PREPARATION OF THE
NATIONAL PROGRAM ON
SEWERAGE AND SEPTAGE
MANAGEMENT

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To ensure coordinated effort to address the mandate of the Department of Public Works and Highways under the "Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004" or R.A. 9275 particularly on Section 7 and 8, an Inter-agency Steering Committee/Technical Working Group are hereby created.

The Inter-agency Steering Committee shall be composed of the following:

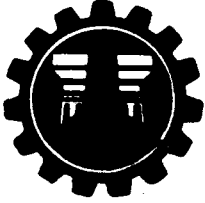
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| 1. | LWUA Deputy Administrator | - | Chairman |
| 2. | MWSS Deputy Administrator | - | Member |
| 3. | DPWH Undersecretary | - | Member |
| 4. | DOH Assistant Secretary | - | Member |
| 5. | DENR/EMB Director | - | Member |
| 6. | MWSI | - | Member |
| 7. | MWSI | - | Member |

The Inter-agency Steering Committee will provide inputs and policy direction on major issues, problems and constraints on sanitation and sewerage which will be assisted by the Inter-agency Technical Working Group.

The Inter-agency Technical Working Group shall be composed of the following:

CHAIRPERSON	:	Mr. JOSE RENE C. RONCESVALLES Local Water Utilities Administration
MEMBER	:	Ms. NIMFA E. POTANTE OIC-Project Director, DPWH
MEMBER	:	Ms. DOLORES HIPOLITO Project Manager, FSEC, DPWH
MEMBER	:	Ms. JESUSA SARAUSAD Project Manager, BOM, DPWH
MEMBER	:	Ms. CRISTE NAVIDA Project Manager, ESSO, DPWH
MEMBER	:	Mr. MARCELINO RIVERA, JR. Chief, Water Quality Section, EMB/DENR
MEMBER	:	Ms. LEONOR C. CLEOPAS Department Manager, MWSS
MEMBER	:	Mr. FRANCISCO ARELLANO Manager, Environmental Management Department, MWSI
MEMBER	:	Mr. ANTONIO GARCIA Manager, Sewerage and Sanitation Department, MWSI

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MEMBER	:	Ms. BUHAY ASTUDILLO Acting Manager, Quality and Regulatory Department, MWSI
MEMBER	:	Mr. JOEL DE JESUS Manager, External Affairs, MWSI
MEMBER	:	Ms. FIORELLA FABELLA Manager, Wastewater Department, MWSI
MEMBER	:	Mr. JOSELITO RIEGO DE DIOS Department of Health
MEMBER	:	Ms. MA. SONABEL S. ANARDA Department of Health

The TWG shall prepare a National Program on Sewerage and Septage Management and shall submit to the Steering Committee for their review and comments. The TWG shall see to it that the major issues, problems and constraints on sanitation and sewerage should be addressed in the program. These include those identified in several sector studies and program such as but not limited to:

- *The need to base any program on local government initiative driven primarily by customer demand for service;*
- *The need for a mechanism to determine what facilities and are willing to pay;*
- *Financial support at the national level to provide significant grants for sewerage system;*
- *Private sector participation (PSP); and*
- *Limited information available at the local level on low-cost sewerage technologies, etc.*

The TWG shall utilize the services of any staffs of this Department as the need arises.

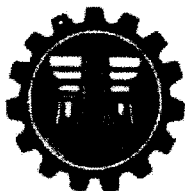
This order shall effect immediately.

HERMOGENES E. EBBANE, JR.
Acting Secretary

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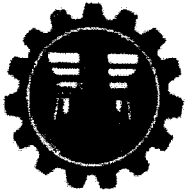
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FOR : HERMOGENES E. EBDANE, JR.
Acting Secretary

THROUGH : MANUEL M. BONOAN
Undersecretary

SUBJECT : CLEAN WATER ACT OF 2004 (RA 9275)

1. Republic Act 9275, the "Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004" was signed into law on March 22, 2004, published on April 21, 2004 and took effect on May 5, 2004 or 15 days after publication. On May 13, 2004, RA 9275 was circularized in the Department through Department Memorandum Circular No. 45. A meeting was held and attended by staff from the Planning Service/ESSD; from then on several meetings were held.
2. The Clean Water Act (CWA) focuses on the creation and delegation on new regulatory, planning and infrastructure development functions to agencies and subsidiary multisectoral bodies; and, on streamlining interagency coordination.
3. The CWA mandated the DPWH to perform the following functions as specified in the following sections of the Act:
 - **Section 7. National Sewerage and Septage Management Program.** The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) through its relevant attached agencies in coordination with DENR, Local Government Units (LGUs) and other concerned agencies, shall as soon as possible, but in no case exceeding a period of 12 months from the effectivity of the Act,, shall prepare and National Program on Sewerage and Septage Management.
 - **Section 8. Domestic Sewage Collection, Treatment and Disposal.** The DPWH in coordination with the DENR, DOH and other concerned agencies, shall employ septage or combined sewerage-septage management system in areas not considered as highly urbanized cities.



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- *Section 22(b). Linkage Mechanism. The DENR shall coordinate and enter into an agreement with the DPWH through its attached agencies, such as the MWSS, LWUA and including other urban water utilities for the provision of sewerage and sanitation facilities and the efficient and safe collection, treatment and disposal of sewage within their area of jurisdiction.*

As specified in Section 7, a National Program on Sewerage and Septage Management be prepared not exceeding 12 months from the effectivity of the Act. To date, it is barely four months left to prepare the Program. For this reason, we deem it best to immediately spur the activities through the Inter-agency Steering Committee and the Technical Working Group being created through a Special Order by the Department.

Attached are our letter to Administrator Lorenzo H. Jamora, Local Water Utilities Administration and the Special Order for your approval and signature.


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