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**SPECIAL ORDER**  
**NO. 140**  
**Series of 2005**

**Subject: Creation of a Task Force  
on Building Inspection**

In the interest of the service, and in line with the mandate of this institution to safeguard the life and property of the public, a Task Force on Building Inspection is hereby created in order to mitigate damages to buildings/structures in the event an earthquake occurs.

The Task Force shall be composed of the following:

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| 1. <b>Undersecretary Salvador A. Pleyto</b>   | - Chairman      |
| 2. <b>Exec. Director Emmanuel P. Cuntapay</b><br>National Building Code Development<br>Office (NBCDO) | - Vice-Chairman |
| 3. <b>Dir. Danilo C. Manalang</b><br>Bureau of Design (BOD)   | - Member        |
| 4. <b>Dir. Luis A. Mamitag, Jr.</b><br>Bureau of Maintenance (BOM)                                    | - Member        |
| 5. <b>Dir. Virgilio C. Arpafo</b><br>Bureau of Equipment (BOE)  | - Member        |
| 6. <b>Dir. Robert G. Lala</b><br>National Capital Region, DPWH  | - Member        |
| 7. <b>Building Officials in Metro Manila</b>  | - Members       |
| 8. <b>Representatives of MMDA, PHIVOLCS,<br/>PICE, UAP, IIEE, PABO, ASEP</b>                          | - Members       |

The Task Force shall conduct ocular inspections and assess the conditions of various buildings in Metro Manila and recommend actions thereof for the approval of the Secretary. The Task Force is authorized to utilize the personnel of the BOD, NBCDO, BOM, NCR and request assistance from other DPWH offices including any available transportation/service vehicles at the BOE to service/transport the Task Force during inspection. The expenses to be incurred in this undertaking shall be charged against available funds of the Department based on the program of work to be submitted by the Chairman for the approval of the Secretary.

This Order shall take immediately.

**HERMOGENES E. ERDANE, JR.**  
Acting Secretary



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