

## REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY MANILA

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SUBJECT: Testing and Acceptance of Construction Materials

It has come to the attention of this Office that test reports on construction materials issued by government and other private testing laboratories not accredited by the DPWH are being used to facilitate the acceptance of the materials in some DPWH projects. This practice will eventually defeat the objective of maintaining a check and balance as regard to testing and acceptance of construction materials.

Henceforth, in order to be consistent with our policy, it is hereby directed that only test reports issued by the Regional/District laboratories of the Department and other testing laboratories accredited by the DPWH shall be allowed to be used in the acceptance or rejection of construction materials.

However, in instances wherein the DPWH does not have the capability to perform tests which are highly technical in nature due to absence of sophisticated laboratory testing equipment, test reports from other testing laboratories with such capability shall be honored, provided testing is witnessed by authorized government representative.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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