

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

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SUBJECT:

Creation of Mt. Pinatubo Emergency - Project Management Office (MPE-PMO) for USAID-Assisted Projects

In view of the extensive damage on public and private infrastructures in the provinces of Zambales, Pampanga, Tarlac and Bataan, and the cities of Olongapo and Angeles caused by the eruptions of Mt. Pinatubo in Zambales and the urgent need to begin repair and reconstruction thereof, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has proposed and the Government of the Philippines has accepted the proposal to reprogram \$2.0 million of Project Design, \$20.0 million of Regional Development Fund and \$20.0 million of Rural Infrastructure Fund Projects for use in the disaster area.

By virtue of this, and pursuant to the Terms of Assistance Agreement between the two governments, a Sub-Task Force called the Mt. Pinatubo Emergency-Project Management Office (MPE-PMO) for USAID-Assisted Project, is hereby created, as part of the over-all DPWH program for the rehabilitation of infrastructures damaged by the Mt. Pinatubo eruptions under the Task Force created under Department Order No. 143, Series of 1991.

This Project Management Office shall be headed by Project Director Florante Soriquez under the direction of Undersecretary Teodoro T. Encarnacion and shall be responsible for the planning, detailed engineering, pre-construction activities, procurement of goods and services, and construction-supervision of sub-projects included under the Mount Pinatubo Emergency Program of USAID.

Since the MPE-PMO will be assisted by consultants in the project preparation and implementation, it shall be composed only of a small technical and administrative staff.

The Project Director shall report to the Head of the Task Force for Mount Pinatubo Disaster Area Rehabilitation.

This Department Order shall take effect immediately.

Secretary