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**DEPARTMENT ORDER**

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**SUBJECT:** Creation of an expanded Task Force for the removal and relocation of squatters and illegal structures affected by DPWH projects in Metro Manila

To effectively respond to the instructions of the Office of the President regarding relocation and removal of squatters and illegal structures, particularly those related to the infrastructure projects of the Department, and to sustain activities pertaining hereof, an expanded Task Force for Metro Manila Area, where the problem is most serious, is hereby created and shall have the following members:

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| 1. | Engr. Vicente B. Lopez, CESO II<br>Regional Director, DPWH-NCR   | - | Chairman                           |
| 2. | Atty. Cesar D. Mejia<br>Director III, Legal Service, DPWH  | - | Co-Chairman                        |
| 3. | Engr. Jose F. Almeda<br>Director III, DPWH-URPO  | - | Member                             |
| 4. | Atty. Angelina Sabio<br>Legal Officer IV   | - | Member                             |
| 5. | Engr. Patrick B. Gatan<br>Project Manager II, Manggahan PMO<br>and Officer-In-Charge, DPWH Task<br>Force on Removal and Relocation of<br>Squatters | - | Member and Implementing<br>Officer |
| 6. | Representative of PNP  | - | Member                             |

7. Representative of Metro Manila Authority - Member

The Committee shall be tasked with the following functions:

1. Formulate plans and programs for the removal and relocation of squatters affected by on-going and proposed projects of the Department in accordance with Republic Act 7279.
2. Undertake removal and relocation of squatters in close coordination with all agencies concerned.
3. Coordinate all activities with the Presidential Task Force on Removal and Relocation of Squatters under the DILG.
4. Submit monthly reports to the Secretary and all other concerned officials on the status of activities in this regard.

To support the activities of the Task Force, the NCR Engineering District Offices, the URPO Field Offices and the Traffic Engineering Center shall provide full assistance as such need for support arises.

Budgetary requirements hereof shall be allocated out of the funds of the project affected by squatters.

Previous Department Orders inconsistent hereto are hereby revoked.

This order shall take effect immediately.

  
GREGORIO R. VIGILAR  
Secretary