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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS
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DEPARTMENT ORDER) **SUBJECT : CLARIFICATION ON THE LIMITS OF**
) **AUTHORITY OF REGIONAL**
) **DIRECTORS AND DISTRICT**
) **ENGINEERS IN THE APPROVAL OF**
NO. 45) **VARIATION ORDERS AND**
Series of 2020) **CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE (PERT-**
) **CPM/PDM)**

Per Department Order No. 20, Series of 2018, the Regional Directors and District Engineers were delegated the authority to approve Detailed Engineering Design, As-Staked and As-Built Plans as well as Program of Works (POW) and Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC), and procure and implement locally-funded projects. However, the said Department Order, including its preceding issuances, particularly the authority to implement, is not clear if it includes the approval of Variation Orders and Construction Schedule.

In order to clarify the Department's Quality Policy to implement infrastructure projects at the right time, and in order to expedite the process on the approval of Variation Orders and Construction Schedule, the limits of responsibilities and authorities of concerned DPWH officials as prescribed in D.O. 20 Series of 2018 is hereby clarified. The authority of the Regional Directors and the District Engineers to procure and implement infrastructure projects based on the project cost as stipulated in D.O. 20 Series of 2018 and its subsequent amendments, shall include the authority to approve Variation Orders and Construction Schedule as it is deemed as inherent in the said department order.

Likewise, in order to validate the compliance of all Implementing Offices on the existing laws and policies relative to the conditions and processes in the approval of Variation Orders and Construction Schedule, the Bureau of Construction as part of their function, shall conduct random or regular review/audit on all Regional Offices and District Engineering Offices.

This Department Order clarifies D.O. 20 Series of 2018 and amend pertinent provisions of D.O. 54 Series of 2011, D.O. 47 Series of 2012, and any other previous issuances to the contrary.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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 Secretary

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