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SUBJECT: OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE MINISTRY'S  
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE AND  
ITS UNITS IN THE DIFFERENT BUREAUS,  
LINE AGENCIES, OFFICES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES.

TO: ALL HEADS OF BUREAUS, AGENCIES, AND OFFICES  
THIS MINISTRY

By virtue of Presidential Decree No. 1586, the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) System has been formally established to reconcile the exigencies of socio-economic undertakings with environmental quality requirements. In this context, the Ministry through its Planning Service is putting into operation and firming up its existing Environmental Management Office and its units.

Also in this connection, the Ministry's attached agencies, line bureaus, corporations, project offices and instrumentalities shall designate an Environmental Officer and Staffs who will be responsible for all the Environmental Impact Statement System requirements in their respective sector to be submitted to the Ministry's Environmental Management Office, for review, assessment, evaluation and approval.

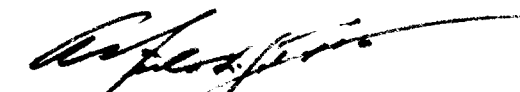
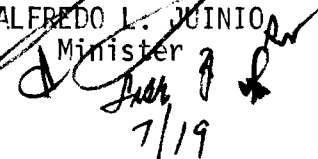
The Environmental Management Office shall be responsible to implement the following:

1. To supervise and coordinate the units of the different bureaus, agencies and offices whose projects fall within the Ministry's area of responsibility in conjunction with the established procedures of the Environmental Impact Statement System as provided by that Office.
2. To rationalize the functions of MPWTC, charged with the environmental protection and with the enforcement of environmental related laws to the end that effective, coordination and integrated system of environmental protection research, implementation and enforcement of such laws shall be achieved.

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3. To enforce and require all the Ministry's attached agencies, line bureaus, corporations, project offices and instrumentalities, a detailed statement on all actions, projects or undertakings which may significantly affect the quality of the environment.
  - a) environmental impact assessment (statements) of the proposed action, project or undertaking;
  - b) any adverse environmental effect which cannot be avoided should the proposal be implemented;
  - c) alternatives to the proposed actions;
  - d) a determination that the short term uses of the resources of the environment are consistent with the maintenance and enhancement of the long-term productivity of the same;
  - e) whenever a proposal involves the use and or extraction of depletable or non-renewable resources, an assurance must be made that such use and commitments are warranted.
4. In instances where the projects, or undertakings, fall within the Ministry's area of responsibility or in cases when the Ministry is the lead agency, all private proponents undertaking the project which may affect the quality of environment shall be required to prepare a detailed environment impact statement.
5. To represent the Ministry whenever a public hearing is to be conducted under the auspices of NEPC or to serve as the Hearing Officer as may be authorized, in cases where the projects, undertakings, actions or program fall within the ministry's areas of responsibility.
6. To act as an evaluation body which shall supervise and carry out the Environmental Impact Statement System. For this purpose, all requests for funding and programs of work shall be accompanied by an EIS of the projects, otherwise such proposals, requests for funding, work programs and other related functions shall not be acted upon.
7. When it deems necessary, the EMO may call special meetings or conduct symposia, seminar-workshops in relation to implementation of EIS System.
8. To consider, entertain, act on any matter, problems, issues affecting environmental quality.

For guidance and strict compliance.

  
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