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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

NO: 2019-207

TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL/ PROVINCIAL/CITY DIRECTORS, DILG-BARMM MINISTER, CLUSTER LEADERS, C/MLGOOS, AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : FAST-TRACKING OF NECESSARY PERMITS OF WATER-RELATED PROJECTS TO ENHANCE WATER SECURITY

DATE : 29 NOV 2019

1.0. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. Water is one of the basic necessities in life. Hence, access to adequate, safe and clean water resources is fundamental. This is also reiterated in one of our country's international commitments under the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), through the sixth global goal: "Ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation".
- 1.2. In line with this, the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 included accelerating infrastructure development in water resources as one of key sectors under foundations for sustainable development.
- 1.3. With the recognition of water as one of most important resources and the existence of challenges concerning water security as well as other threats to water supply such as droughts and floods resulting from climate change, it is all more crucial for the immediate completion of water-related projects at the LGUs to take place.
- 1.4. In view of the foregoing, the President called to action on fast-tracking the completion of water-related projects to ensure and enhance water security.
- 1.5. The Department of the Interior and Local expresses its support to the directive of the President through the issuance of this policy to enjoin the LGUs to support the same.

2.0. PURPOSE

- 2.1. This Memorandum Circular is issued to encourage local government units (LGUs) to fast track the processing of necessary permits of water-related projects to expedite their completion.

3.0. LEGAL BASES

- 3.1. Section 17 of the RA 7160 also known as the Local Government Code mandates the local government units to exercise necessary and appropriate powers and discharge functions for the efficient and effective provision of basic services and facilities.

4.0. COVERAGE

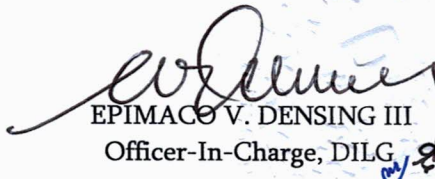
- 4.1. This Memorandum Circular covers all Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors, Punong Barangays, DILG Regional/ Provincial/City Directors, DILG-BARMM Minister, Cluster Leaders, C/MLGOOs, and others concerned.



5.0. POLICY CONTENT

As stipulated in Section 1.5 and 3.1 of this Memorandum Circular, all local government units (LGUs) are encouraged to:

- 5.1. Fast track/ Streamline the processes of issuing necessary permits of water-related projects
- 5.2. Make necessary preparations and extend support to start the water-related projects such as human resources, access roads to location, manpower (if needed), and availability of materials.
- 5.3. All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Circular and extend the necessary assistance.

6.0. Approving Authority


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7.0. Feedback

For related queries and clarifications, kindly contact Local Fiscal Resource Development Division (LFRDD) under the Bureau of Local Government Development (BLGD), through Telephone No. 8925-0356 or email localfiscal.blgd@gmail.com.