



**MEMORANDUM**

TO : ALL REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

ATTN.: ALL PROTECTED AREA SUPERINTENDENTS

FROM : THE UNDERSECRETARY  
Field Operations and Environment

SUBJECT : **DEMOLITION OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AND PROHIBITION OF UNAUTHORIZED CONSTRUCTION AND GUIDELINES ON THE ISSUANCE OF CLEARANCES AND PERMITS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN PROTECTED AREAS**

DATE : **DEC 02 2020**

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Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order No.120, *Strengthening Rehabilitation and Recovery Efforts in Typhoon-Hit Areas Through the Creation of the Build Back Better Task Force* and bearing in mind the massive devastation brought about by typhoons Rolly and Ulysses, the following guidelines are hereby issued:

1. The PASU shall endorse to the PAMB en banc and to the Regional Executive Director only those projects that are within the MUZ and consistent with the PA Management Plan. Likewise, the RED shall endorse to the BMB and DENR Central Office *only* endorsed projects within the MUZ and consistent with the PA Management Plan;
2. The issuance of PAMB Clearance for projects outside the MUZ shall be subject to review and affirmation of the BMB Director.

In addition, you are hereby instructed to determine the existence of structures and ongoing constructions within the protected areas in your respective jurisdictions, and if found to be unauthorized, you are hereby directed to take immediate steps necessary for the protection of the subject areas, pursuant the Republic Act No. 11038 otherwise known as the "Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 2018", without prejudice to other relevant laws, issuances and administrative orders.

For structures and ongoing constructions within the protected areas which are found to be illegal or nuisance per se, the summarily abatement of the same is left to the discretion of your office in coordination with the concerned Local Government Unit. Submit report of compliance to this Office on a monthly basis.

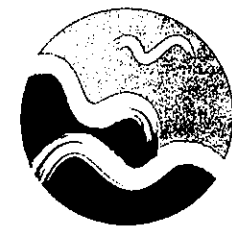
FOR STRICT COMPLIANCE.

  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment

**FROM :** The OIC, Assistant Secretary for Climate Change and Director, in concurrent capacity


**SUBJECT :** **PROCESSING OF SPECIAL USE AGREEMENT IN PROTECTED AREAS (SAPA)**

This refers to the implementation of Republic Act No. 11234 or "An Act Establishing the Energy Virtual One-Shop (EVOSS) for the Purpose of Streamlining the Permitting Process of Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution Projects" and its Implementing Rules and Regulations giving DENR, including the Central Office, Bureaus, attached agencies and field offices a combined One Hundred Twenty (120) days' timeframe for the processing and issuance of permits including tenurial instruments for Energy Projects of National Significance (EPNS) duly certified by the Department of Energy.

As our contribution to the streamlining process, this Bureau recommends the immediate processing of applications for Special Use Agreement in Protected Areas (SAPA) with the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) and Rehabilitation Plan, as post condition in the SAPA. However, we need to ensure that all the other requirements prescribed under DAO 2007-17 or the Rules and Regulations Governing SAPA, and the NIPAS Act, as amended and its IRR are submitted. The ECC and the Rehabilitation plan should be submitted within thirty (30) days after the issuance of SAPA, but before the commencement of project development. This would be included in the Terms and Conditions of the agreement.

In view of the foregoing, attached is a draft Memorandum addressed to all DENR Regional Offices for your approval and signature.

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