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**SUBJECT : Implementation of a program for the evaluation of geohazard vulnerability.**

Population centers have become increasingly vulnerable to natural disasters such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and flash-floods. These disasters only underscore the fact that the Philippines lies in a belt of active seismicity, volcanism and typhoons, and that disaster preparedness could not be over-emphasized. There are factors within and around population centers which make these natural phenomena more disastrous; there are other factors resulting from human activities which may in fact magnify the effects of these natural phenomena.

There is therefore an urgency to develop and implement a **Program for Geohazard Vulnerability Assessment**, particularly of, but not limited to, human settlements, proposed or existing major infrastructure projects and industrial development centers. This shall complement the current DENR activities on environmental monitoring, provide additional information for environmental impact assessments, and provide additional inputs to physical planning at the various decision-making levels.

For this purpose, a **Coordinating Group on Geohazard Vulnerability Assessment** is hereby created, as follows:

Chairman	:	Romeo T. Acosta, PPSO
Vice-Chairman	:	Edwin Domingo, MGB
Members	:	Rolando Pena, MGB
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The coordinating group shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Develop a framework for a national Program for Geohazard Vulnerability Assessment;
2. Provide coordination and guidance to the ongoing geohazard assessment work that are being conducted by the DENR regional offices;
3. Develop the necessary linkages with other government agencies, private entities, NGOs and POs, LGUs, in order to emphasize the need for integrating geohazard vulnerability in

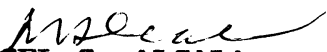
various concerns such as physical planning, infrastructure projects planning, and disaster preparedness, among others.

4. Link with, and secure the assistance of experts and/or consultants in the various fields of discipline related to geohazard vulnerability assessment.

The activities of the Coordinating Group shall be funded out of DENR funds which shall be allocated for the purpose, subject to accounting and auditing regulations.

The Coordinating Group shall submit monthly reports of its work.

This Order takes effect immediately.

  
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Secretary