



DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

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**SUBJECT: CREATION OF EMERGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL
RESPONSE TEAMS.**

In the interest of the service, and in order to respond immediately to incidents involving or resulting from environmental pollution, hazards or accidents, the Regional Executive Directors, through the Regional Technical Directors for Environment shall create Regional Emergency Environmental Response Teams, in coordination with the Environmental Management Bureau.

The said teams shall provide immediate response to all kinds of environmental emergency cases and shall institute/recommend on-site mitigating measures to address such emergencies as well as recommend subsequent regulatory and administrative courses of action. The teams shall also coordinate with appropriate government and private agencies, including NGO's, in the drawing up of contingency plans for various environmental accidents.


The EMB shall act as the national coordinating agency which will assist the response teams, and shall draw up the overall national contingency plans for environmental accidents, in coordination with appropriate government and private agencies, local government units, and NGOs.

These Teams shall coordinate with the National and Regional Disaster Coordinating Councils for assistance and monitoring purposes.

The Regional Emergency Response teams, shall be headed by the EMPAS Regional Technical Director, and shall be assisted by the EQD Division Chief. The teams shall be composed of members from the EMPAS and other sectors in the regional office, and representatives from appropriate agencies and NGOs.

Expenses to be incurred by the teams in the implementation of their tasks shall be charged against the respective offices of the teams and their members, subject to government rules and regulations. In cases where Environmental Guarantee Funds are provided for in the Environmental Compliance Certificates of projects involved, the EGF shall be tapped for use.

This order shall take effect immediately.


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