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SPECIAL ORDER NO. 97-101/ Series of 1997

SUBJECT :

AUTHORIZING ALL DENR UNITS, BUREAUS AND REGIONAL OFFICES TO CONDUCT SYNCHRONIZED ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER IN CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL CLEAN-UP MONTH

Cognizant of the mandate of Presidential Proclamation 244, DENR is spearheading a national program of solid wastes recovery in urban, rural and coastal areas which will be simultaneously launched on September 01, 1997.

In this connection, a nationwide strategy to carry out the program is through the "adopt-a-Barangay" scheme. Each unit should identify their cleanup hot spots and enter into a MOA with the concerned LGU for sustainable cleanup activity beginning September 01, 1997 up to February 28, 1998.

Thus, all DENR units, bureaus and regional offices down to the CENROs are directed and authorized to conduct half-day cleanup activities on streets, lakes, rivers, offices, and beaches/reef areas on September 1, 12, 19 and 20 respectively.

You are advised to mobilize 90% of regional, provincial and community ENR regular and contractual staff to launch our cleanup drives with the theme of "Kilusang Kontra sa Kalat". A sub-theme which is "Tayo na, tayo na, Maglinis ng Sama-sama" should be adopted and indicated in IEC materials.

All expenses incurred in the conduct of the initial activities as indicated in Table 1 shall be subjected to usual accounting and auditing procedures and chargeable to administrative funds of the respective units.

Prescribed attire could be any DENR T-shirts, pants, walking shorts and suitable shoes. Cleaning instruments are broomsticks, spades, rakes, bamboo sticks, dust pans and garbage bags. These will be turned over to the adopted barangay after the cleanup.

Reports from all bureaus and regions shall be submitted to EMB and Field Operations respectively not later than October 1, 1997. Data on total number of participants, distance covered and estimated volume of trash recovered should be summarized and reported for each cleanup date.

Other documents are attached for information and guidance. Strict compliance to this Order is hereby enjoined.

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