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Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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DENR SPECIAL ORDER NO. 97- 1131

SUBJECT

CREATING A HAZE TASK FORCE

In response to the worsening haze situation in the SEA Region which is endangering the Philippines, a Haze Task Force under the direct supervision of the Undersecretary for Environment and Programs Development, is hereby created composed of the following:

Drector Marlito Cardenas Head Cesar Siador, EMB-EQD Member Amadeo Alveyra, EMB-EQD Member Emiliano Kempis, Jr. NCR-EQD Member Emmanuel Gutierrez, NCR-EOD Member Elinor Malano, EPDO Member Hector Magsambol, EPDO Member Director Rosalio Goze, F.O.O. Member Representative, DOH Member Representative, DOST/PAG-ASA Member Representative, MMDA Member Representative, DILG Member Representative, DTI Member

The Task Force shall have the following responsibilities:

- 1. Monitor the movement of the haze caused by the forest fire in Indonesia and serve as the official source of such information:
- 2. Determine the health hazards accompanying each degree of haze density and accordingly take care of announcing the same to the public, including mitigative health measures, through a daily bulletin; and
- 3. Coordinate with other government agencies and entities as may be required;

The Task Force is authorized to call on any DENR official /unit for the effective implementation of its responsibilities. Expenses incurred in relation to this Order is authorized, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall be effective immediately.

VICTOR O. RAMOS

Secretary