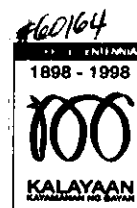




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**SUBJECT: CONDUCT GROUNDWATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL
ASSESSMENT IN 15 GROWTH AREAS BY THE MINES
AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU**

In the interest of the service and in order to address groundwater, geoenvironmental and waste disposal concerns in the identified 15 growth areas, the Hydrogeology and Environmental Geology Section of the Land Geology Division of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, in addition to duties and responsibilities is hereby ordered to undertake groundwater and waste disposal assessment in coordination with the MGB Regional offices concerned in the following growth areas:

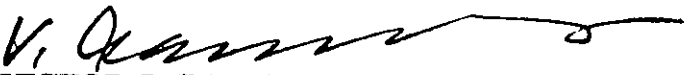
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2. Laguna
3. Metro Cebu
4. South Cotabato
5. Sarangani
6. Gen. Santos
7. Davao
8. Zambales
9. Pangasinan
10. Pampanga
11. Metro Manila
12. Bataan
13. Cagayan de Oro
14. Iligan, Lanao del Norte
15. Benguet

As such, the said Section will undertake the following:

- A. Conduct data collection and field surveys to evaluate and assess the ground water potential (quantity and quality);
- B. Determine the extent of contamination and saline water intrusion, if any, on the fresh ground water regime,
- C. Delineate and classify areas as to its suitability for groundwater development; and
- D. Delineate and classify areas in terms of waste disposal site suitability.

The Presidential Task Force on Water Resources Development and Management shall provide financial of assistance to the Bureau for the implementation of the same.

This order shall take effect immediately and shall continue to be in force until revoked.


VICTOR O. RAMOS
Secretary