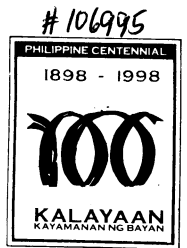




DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES



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Special Order
No. 99-287

**SUBJECT : CREATION OF A JOINT TASK FORCE TO
INVESTIGATE THE COMPANIES AND
OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS ALONG THE
PALICO-BAGBAG RIVER AT NASUGBU-
LIAN, BATANGAS**

In the interest of service and in line with the clamor of the fishermen in the Municipalities of Nasugbu and Lian, Batangas, to preserve the quality of the environment in the vicinity of Palico-Bagbag River, a Joint Task Force is hereby created to compose of the following :

DENR

Office of the Secretary - Quick Response Team
PENRO Carlos Gubat I - Batangas
CENRO Harley Salig - Calaca, Batangas
PAB Secretariat - Representative
DENR, Region IV - Representative

LGU

Committee on Environment - Representatives
of Lian and Nasugbu
Barangay Captains - Affected Areas

Fisherman Association - Representatives

Labor Union Leaders and Pollution Control Officers

Central Azucarera, Don Pedro
Consolidated Distillers of the Far East, Inc.
Absolut Chemicals, Inc.
Dyzum Distillery, Inc.

NGO

Task Force Detainees of the Philippines - Representative

The Task Force is hereby directed to undertake the following :

1. Monitor the compliance of the Orders issued by the DENR (e.g. closing of all discharge points leading to the river).
2. Verify the chemicals used by these distilleries and refinery.
3. Gather water samples for analysis.
4. Assess the efficiency/effectiveness of the Liquid Fertilization Program.
5. Verification of the waste management facilities.

They shall submit report upon completion of this investigation.

This Order shall take effect immediately.



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Secretary