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**DENR SPECIAL ORDER**  
**NO. 2001-819**

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***SUBJECT : Delegating Certain Powers, Functions and Responsibilities of the DENR Secretary Vested Upon Him Under Republic Act No. 6969 to the DENR Regional Executive Directors (REDs), Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) Regional Directors, Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Regional Directors, and/or Their Duly Authorized Representatives.***

In the interest of the service and in view of the proliferation of illegally-sourced toxic, hazardous and/or chemical substances or mixtures that may be used in mineral processing and metallurgical plants, particularly mercury and cyanide, the DENR REDs, EMB Regional Directors, MGB Regional Directors, and/or their duly authorized representatives are hereby deputized to exercise the powers, functions and responsibilities vested upon the DENR Secretary by RA No. 6969, *The Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Waste Control Act of 1990*; DAO No. 29, Series of 1992, *The Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 6969*; DAO No. 97-38, *The Chemical Control Order for Mercury and Mercury Compounds*; and DAO No. 97-39, *The Chemical Control Order for Cyanide and Cyanide Compounds*.

The REDs, EMB Regional Directors, MGB Regional Director and/or their duly authorized representatives shall coordinate with and seek assistance from concerned law enforcement agencies and local government units in the discharge of their powers, functions and responsibilities mandated herein.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless otherwise revoked in writing.

  
**MEHERSON T. ALVAREZ**  
Secretary

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