

DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. 102

**SUBJECT: Lifting of the Suspension on the Acceptance of Application and Issuance of Prospecting and Exploration Permits in Forest Reserves.**

In recognition of the vital importance of the development of the mineral sector in natural resource utilization, the suspension on the acceptance of application and issuance of prospecting and exploration permits is hereby lifted in production forest reserves. The suspension in other forest reserves declared for protection purposes namely: watershed forest reserves, national parks, wilderness areas, mangrove reserves, research experimental stations, reforestation sites, other forest reservations and such other areas that may form part of the Protected Area System continue in effect.

The applicants shall, in addition to the prerequisites for acceptance and issuance of permits, submit an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the proposed activities over the area being applied for.

This Order shall take effect immediately and amends DAO 7, series of 1989.

FULGENCIO S. FACTORAN, JR.  
Secretary

Signed on September 13, 1989