DENR Administrative Order No. 96 - 05 February 13, 1996

SUBJECT: Implementation of the Forest

Protection Information System (FPIS) in the Department of Environment and Natural

Resources (DENR).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 192 dated 10 June 1987 and in line with the development thrusts of the Department consistent with its mandates, the nationwide implementation of the FPIS as provided in the ENR-SECAL Program shall heretofore be pursued with more vigor under the following guidelines.

Section 1. Program Management - The FPIS Program implementation shall be directly under the control and supervision of the Undersecretary for Field Operation, assisted by a National Advisory Committee which is supported by a Secretariat, the National Technical Working Group (NTWG).

At the field implementing level, the Regional Executive Director (RED) shall likewise be assisted by a Regional Technical Working Group (RTWG).

Section 2. National Advisory Committee - The FPIS National Advisory Committee (FNAC) shall be composed of the Undersecretary for Field Operations as Chairman and the Undersecretary for Environment and Programs Development as Vice Chairman with the following members: Director, Legal Service; Director, Forest Management Bureau; Director, ENR-SECAL PMO; Director, National Forestation Development office (NFDO); Team Leader, Development Alternative, Inc. Technical Assistance (DAITA), Director, Remote Sensing and Resource Data Analysis Department, National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA); and the National Technical Coordinator designated by the Secretary.

The FNAC shall, among others, perform the following functions:

- 1. Assist the SENR in the effective implementation of the FPIS and its component sub-systems at all levels;
- 2. Issue policies, guidelines, orders and instructions on the proper implementation of the FPIS;
- 3. Review and approve national FPIS plans and programs;
- 4. Facilitate the availment of aerial photographs and the resources information derived therefrom, for the use of the Committee, the National Technical Working Group, or the Director of the Forest Management Bureau in FPIS planning, implementation and monitoring;
- 5. Provide the necessary assistance in support to the proper implementation of the program.
- 6. Submit periodic status report to the SENR on matters related to FPIS implementation; and
- 7. Perform such other functions as may be directed by the SENR.
- **Section 3. National Technical Working Group -** The National Technical Working Group (NTWG) which shall serve as the support group for the National Advisory Committee (NAC) shall be composed of a National Technical Coordinator as head, with the following members: Forest Management Specialists, Legal Specialist, Database Management Specialist, Training Specialist and Finance Specialist.

Under the direction of the FNAC Chairman, the NTWG shall among others, perform the following functions:

- 1. Provide staff support to the FNAC and act as Secretariat;
- 2. Recommend policies/guidelines for the effective implementation of the FPIS;

- 3. Prepare FPIS plans and programs including the budgetary requirements therefor, in coordination with field offices concerned;
- 4. Facilitate the availment of aerial photographs and the resources information derived therefrom, for the use of the Committee, the National Technical Working Group, or the Director of the Forest Management Bureau in FPIS planning, implementation and monitoring;
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- 3. Prepare FPIS plans and programs including the budgetary requirements therefor, in coordination with field offices concerned;
- 4. Coordinate, monitor and evaluate FPIS implementation at the Regional, PENRO and CENRO levels;
- 5. Manage and maintain a data bank appropriate for FPIS operations particularly on matters related to forest resources information, forest protection and law enforcement activities, log control and monitoring, geographic information systems, and the like;
- 6. Coordinate the training of DENR personnel and those of the private sector as it relates to FPIS implementation; and
- 7. Perform other related functions as may be assigned by higher authorities.
- Section 4. Regional Technical Working Group The Regional Technical Working Group (RTWG) which shall directly assist the Regional Executive Director (RED), shall be composed of a Regional Technical Coordinator as head, with the following members: Database Management Specialist; Training Specialist; and a Representative each of the Forest Resources Development Division (FRDD), Forest Resources Conservation Division (FRCD), Planning and Management Division, PENRO and CENRO.

The RTWG shall perform, among others, the following functions:

- 1. Coordinate and implement the FPIS in their respective regional jurisdiction;
- 2. Prepare FPIS Regional Plans and Programs and the corresponding budgetary requirements for approval of the Regional Executive Director (RED);
- 3. Monitor/evaluate FPIS Regional implementation; and

- 4. Perform other related functions as may be assigned by the RED.
- **Section 5. Designation of FPIS members** The Undersecretary for Field Operations is hereby authorized to issue Special Orders designating the individual members of the FNAC and NTWG.

Likewise, the RED is also hereby authorized to issue Special Orders designating the individual members of the RTWG.

As the need arises, additional members may be designated to the working groups herein created to enhance the implementation of the FPIS.

- **Section 6. Repealing Clause** This Order supersedes all orders and instructions inconsistent herewith.
- **Section** 7. **Effectivity** This Order takes effect immediately.

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Secretary