

**DENR Administrative Order
No. 99-15
May 12, 1999**

SUBJECT : Designating the Forest Management Bureau as the Lead Agency in the Implementation of the Environmental Impact Statement System for Forestry Projects.

Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1586 in relation to Sec. 7 of E.O. No. 192 dated June 10, 1987 and Art. VII Sec. 3 (d) and 3 (i) of DAO No. 96-37 and in line with the continuing effort of the DENR to streamline the implementation of the Philippine Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) System, the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) in view of its expertise in the sustainable management of the forest resources is hereby designated as the **lead agency** in the implementation of the EIS System for Forestry Projects.

Section 1 Transfer of Functions. EMB shall relinquish and the FMB shall assume all functions relative to EIS System for Forestry Projects to include the following:

- 1.1 Recommend the simplification of DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 96-37;
- 1.2 Develop a system of review of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) documents that is objective, efficient and transparent for consideration/approval of the Secretary;
- 1.3 Exercise supervision over all phases of Forestry Project EIS System implementation;
- 1.4 Coordinate with DENR Field Offices and LGU's in the implementation and monitoring of compliance to the EIS system;

1.5 Develop and maintain an effective database management system for an efficient delivery of services; and

1.6 Submit periodic status report to the Secretary.

Sec. 2 Turn-over of Documents. The EMB Director is directed to turn-over to the FMB Director all IEE, EIS and ECC documents pertaining to Forestry Projects for safe-keeping and/or further appropriate action.

Sec. 3 Creation of EIA Unit. In order to carry out the purposes of this Order, the FMB Director is hereby authorized to create an EIA Unit, including the designation of its personnel component with their corresponding detailed functions.

Sec. 4 Repealing Clause. All Orders and issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5 Effectivity - This Order shall take effect immediately.

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Secretary

Recommended by:

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