

**DENR Memorandum Order**  
**No. 2001 – 03**  
**May 18, 2001**

**SUBJECT : Clarification on the Role of the Undersecretary for Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) Operations in the Implementation of Foreign-Assisted and Special Programs/Projects.**

In the interest of the service and in view of the activation of the ENR Operations Office through Administrative Order No. 2001-15, the role of the said office in the implementation of foreign-assisted and special programs/projects is hereby clarified as follows:

1. The Undersecretary for ENR Operations shall ONLY supervise foreign-assisted and special projects *which are being implemented by or in the areas of the regional and field offices;*
2. Consistent with the regionalization effort of FASPO, all region-based programs/projects shall, as much as possible, be implemented by or through, the concerned PENROs/CENROs;
3. The relevant signing authorities previously exercised by the Undersecretary for International Commitment and Local Government Affairs pursuant to the Manual of Approvals (DAO 2000-11) and other orders, concerning the foreign-assisted and special projects being implemented by or in the areas of the regional and field offices, are therefore transferred to the Undersecretary for ENR Operations;
4. All designated Directors/Managers of foreign-assisted programs/projects which are being implemented by or in the areas of the regional and field offices, including those currently lodged in

the Sectoral Bureaus, shall henceforth report to the ENR Operations Office for supervision.

This Order shall take effect immediately and supersede/revoke all orders inconsistent herewith.

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