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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 191

AUTHORIZING THE NATIONAL DISASTER COORDINATING COUNCIL (NDCC) TO REVIEW, EVALUATE AND ENDORSE DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (DBM) PERTINENT AGENCY WORK PROGRAMS PROPOSED FOR FUNDING FROM THE 2006 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (CALAMITY FUND) UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 9358, AND HEREBY DIRECTING THE DBM TO RELEASE THE FUNDS AS ENDORSED, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AS WELL AS APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the calamity brought about by the August 11, 2006 Solar 1 oil spill caused extensive environmental damage and loss of livelihood to thousands of people;

WHEREAS, Congress passed Republic Act (RA) 9358 (2006 Supplemental Appropriation) appropriating among others, additional calamity funds in the amount of P867,401,000.00 under Section 1 (M) for various implementing agencies;

WHEREAS, RA 9358 provides further that the NDCC shall submit to the Congressional Oversight Committee a bi-monthly report on the utilization of funds for the Solar 1 oil spill;

WHEREAS, DBM-Department of Finance-NDCC Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1 dated March 21, 2007 provides implementing rules and regulations covering RA 9358, which require implementing agencies to submit proposals to the NDCC, an inter-agency body with the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) as technical Secretariat;

NOW THEREFORE, I, GLORJA M. ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, do hereby order:

Section 1. Mandate. – The NDCC shall review and approve proposals submitted to it for the rehabilitation, recovery, livelihood and development projects in oil spill-affected areas to be funded from the 2006 Supplemental Appropriation under RA 9358, and endorse the same to the DBM for corresponding fund releases. It shall likewise ensure that funds shall be spent judiciously and effectively, consistent with the language and intent of RA 9358, through proper prioritization of relevant programs and the consistent monitoring of projects. It shall notify the DBM of its approval as a basis for the release of the requested funds.



Section 2. Task Force Solar Oil Spill (SOS). – Task Force Solar Oil Spill is hereby abolished and its powers transferred to the NDCC.

Section 3. Secretariat. – The OCD shall secure the services of OCD Region 6 personnel to perform Secretariat services.

Section 4. Assistance of Government Entities. – All departments, agencies, bureaus, offices and instrumentalities are hereby enjoined to extend full assistance and cooperation to the OCD in the performance of its functions as specified in this order;

Section 5. Reportorial Requirements. – The NDCC shall submit status reports to the President whenever appropriate, and shall ensure that the required NDCC reports are submitted to the Congressional Oversight Committee, copy furnished Office of the President.

Section 6. Term. – This Administrative Order shall be in force for a period of two (2) years or until all approved projects shall have been implemented and completed and a terminal report submitted to and accepted by the Congressional Oversight Committee and the President.

Section 7. Funding. – The funding for the administrative and operational expenses of the Secretariat shall be charged to the NDCC allocation from the Calamity Fund. Salaries of organic personnel shall be charged to the budgets of their corresponding offices.

Section 8. Repealing Clause. – All other issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of the Administrative order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 9. Effectivity. – All other executive issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Done in the City of Manila, this 9th day of August in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

Gloria M. Arroyo



By the President:

Eduardo R. Ermita

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