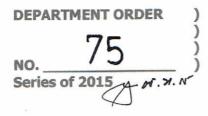
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SUBJECT: Clarifications on DPWH Standard Specification for Item 522A-Protection Systems for Unstable Slopes

In order to clarify some issues raised regarding the proper use and adoption of Item 522A-Protection Systems for Unstable Slopes in DPWH infrastructure projects, the following clarifications are hereby made, for the information and proper guidance of all concerned:

- 1. The standard specifications for Item 522A prescribed under Department Order No. 63, Series of 2014 primarily serves as an alternative technical reference and additional guidelines for design engineers on the use of high tensile single twist wire mesh for the protection of unstable slopes based on his/her design analysis, computation, engineering judgement/discretion and recommendation vis-à-vis the prevailing factors and conditions in-situ:
- 2. The use/adoption of Item 522A is optional and not mandatory. It does not restrict the use of other rockfall protection systems in favor of high tensile wire mesh; and,
- 3. Item 522A does not amend or supersede Item 522-Generic Specification for Rockfall Protection Systems prescribed under Department Order No. 33, Series of 2013.

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