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SUBJECT: RESCISSION OF DEPARTMENT ORDER  
 NO. 30, DATED 24 FEBRUARY, 1993,  
 AND DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 44 DATED  
 12 MARCH 1993.

To simplify work flow and to streamline operations, Department Order No. 30, dated 24 February 1993 creating the Committee on Variation Orders/Supplemental Agreements for DPWH Projects, and Department Order No. 44, dated 12 March 1993 establishing the Committee to Evaluate Requests for Suspension or Extension of Contract Time, are hereby rescinded and, accordingly, the Said Committees are dissolved.

Requests for approval of variation orders (change orders, extra work orders and/or supplemental agreements) and corresponding agreements, as well as requests for suspension or extension of contract time, shall be submitted directly to the Undersecretary concerned for appropriate action. The Undersecretary concerned may refer the requests to the Bureau of Construction/Bureau of Design for preliminary review and evaluation, as he may deem proper.

It is hereby reiterated and stressed that all variation orders shall conform to the provisions of CI.1 of the Amended Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of P.D. 1594 and related Department Orders, and shall be supported with the documents/data prescribed and enumerated in Department Order No. 16 dated 19 February 1988. In the same vein, strict observance of the provisions of CI 10 and CI 11 of the IRR of P.D. 1594 is enjoined in regard to suspension or extension of contract time. As stated in Department Order No. 44 cited above, Regional Directors and District Engineers are authorized to issue the corresponding suspension order in case of suspension of an activity on a particular item of work which would not result in total suspension of the work under contract, without prejudice to the confirmation of the Undersecretary concerned.

All documents and papers relating to variation orders and suspension or extension of contract time forwarded to the Central Office for approval shall be submitted in at least two (2) copies, to allow simultaneous, instead of sequential, review and evaluation thereof by the Bureau of Design and the Bureau of Construction.

As directed in Department Order No. 44 cited above, Field Officials shall submit to the Undersecretary concerned, for information, copies of requests for suspension or extension of contract time approved by them under and by virtue of delegated authority.

This Department Order shall take effect immediately.

  
 GREGORIO R. VIGILAR  
 Secretary

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