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DEPARTMENT ORDER)
NO. 153)
Series of 2023)

SUBJECT: Approval of Detailed Engineering Design Plan for Dredging Projects

12/14/23

In line with the continuing efforts of this Department to streamline its operations for efficient and expedient service delivery and project implementation, the function of the Secretary to approve and sign dredging plans for flood control purposes, pursuant to P.D. 1067 – Water Code of the Philippines and Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 1, s. 2019, re: Guidelines on the Issuance of Clearance and/or Permit for Dredging Within Waterways or Other Inland Bodies of Water, shall be delegated following the limits of authority to approve design plans based on the performance of the Regional and District Engineering Offices in the annual Design Audit in accordance with Department Order No. 39, Series of 2023, "Guidelines and Criteria for the Design Audit of DPWH Regional and District Engineering Offices, 2023 Edition".

The delegated authority in the approval and signing of Detailed Engineering Design Plans for dredging projects in accordance with the provisions of JMC No. 1, Series of 2019, will be as prescribed hereunder, unless otherwise revoked/amended:

For Dredging with Commercial Utilization of Dredged Materials				
Activity	Office	Jurisdiction of Proposed Dredging Area		
		within 1 DEO	2 or more DEOs	2 or more ROs
Review and Endorse	DEO	✓	N/A	N/A
Review and Endorse	RO	✓	✓	N/A
Review and Endorse	Bureau of Design	✓	✓	✓
Recommend Approval	Asst. Secretary for Technical Services	✓	✓	✓
Approve	Undersecretary for Technical Services	✓	✓	✓

Dredging Projects for Flood Control, navigation, and other purposes to be funded and implemented by LGUs and other government agencies with or without commercial utilization				
Activity	Office	Jurisdiction of Proposed Dredging Area		
		within 1 DEO	2 or more DEOs	2 or more ROs
Review and Endorse	DEO	✓	N/A	N/A
Review and Endorse	RO	✓	✓	N/A
Review and Endorse	Bureau of Design	✓	✓	✓



Recommend Approval	Asst. Secretary for Technical Services	✓	✓	✓
Approve	Undersecretary for Technical Services	✓	✓	✓

For DPWH Flood Control Dredging Projects (either by administration or by contract)			
Activity	Office	Category	
		Locally Funded Projects	Central Office /UPMO Projects
Review and Endorse	DEO	As per Limits of authority per Section 7.3.1 - D.O. 39, s.2023	N/A
Review and Endorse	RO		N/A
Review and Endorse	Bureau Director/ Project Director		✓
Review and Endorse	Bureau of Design		✓
Recommend Approval	Asst. Secretary for Technical Services		✓
Approve	Undersecretary for Technical Services		✓

The authority of the Regional Directors to issue clearance/permit shall remain in force per Department Order No. 31, s. 2020, re: Delegating to the Regional Directors the Issuance of Dredging Clearance or Permit and Other Matters.

This Department Order is supplementary to the existing Department Orders prescribing guidelines on all river dredging operations, and shall supersede previous issuances or portions thereof which are inconsistent hereto, and shall take effect immediately.

For information and guidance of all concerned.


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