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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Directors
DENR NCR, CAR, 1-13

FROM : The Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Foreign Assisted and
Special Projects, and Director, in concurrent capacity

SUBJECT : **OPTIMIZING THE USE OF AVAILABLE INTEGRATED
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANS (IWMPs)**

DATE : **OCT 26 2021**

In view of the current pandemic situation and in order to sustain and harmonize the implementation of the plans and programs of the Department in a holistic manner, you are hereby advised to use your draft IWMPs as basis in the formulation of your Budget Proposals (BPs), Annual Work and Financial Plans (WFPs), Forward Estimates (FEs) and other related purposes pertaining to watershed management. Please be informed however, that such clearance is only allowed under the following conditionalities:

1. The IWMPs have been formulated based on the Characterization Reports and Vulnerability Assessments (CRVAs) of the concerned watersheds. Moreover, the CRVAs and IWMPs have conformed with the provisions of the *DMC 2008-05*, entitled "*Guidelines in the Preparation of Watershed Management Plans*" and *FMB Technical Bulletin No. 16-A*, otherwise known as "*Revised Supplemental Guidelines and Procedures of Watershed Characterization and Climate Resilient Vulnerability Assessment of Watersheds and Preparation of Integrated Watershed Management Plan*".
2. The IWMPs have initially been reviewed favorably by the Regional IWMP Review Committee (RIRC) for watersheds covering one region and by the Watershed Multisectoral Technical Evaluation Committee (WMTEC) for watersheds covering two or more Regions as stipulated in the *Memorandum of the WMTEC Chair dated 26 May 2021*, as attached.
3. While the utilization of such draft IWMPs are hereby authorized in principle, it is still imperative for all the Regional Offices to have their IWMPs approved and a copy submitted to the WMTEC.

FOR GUIDANCE AND COMPLIANCE, PLEASE.


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MEMORANDUM

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FROM The Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning, and Foreign Assisted and
Special Projects, Director, in concurrent capacity and
Chair, Watershed Multisectoral Technical Evaluation Committee
(WMTEC)

The Director, Policy and Planning Service and
Co-Chair, Watershed Multisectoral Technical Evaluation Committee
(WMTEC)

SUBJECT **PROTOCOLS IN THE SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL OF
THE WATERSHED CHARACTERIZATION CUM
VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT REPORTS AND
INTEGRATED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLANS**

DATE

MAY 26 2021

This pertains to the 10th Watershed Multisectoral Technical Evaluation Committee (WMTEC) meeting held last April 21, 2021.

As agreed upon during the said WMTEC meeting and in order to facilitate the review and approval of Watershed Characterization cum Vulnerability Assessment (CR cum VA) Reports and Integrated Watershed Management Plans (IWMPs), you are hereby requested to implement and adopt the following new protocols in the submission and approval of the CR cum VAs and IWMPs, to wit:

ITEM	NEW PROTOCOLS
I. On the review, evaluation and approval of the CR cum VA reports/ IWMPs	The Regional Offices shall create a Regional IWMP Review Committee (RIRC) to review or check the CR cum VA report/ IWMP for consistency with DMC 2008-05 (Guidelines in the Preparation of Integrated Watershed Management Plans), FMB TB 16-A (Revised Supplemental Guidelines and Procedures of Watershed Characterization and Climate Resilient Vulnerability Assessment of Watersheds and Preparation of Integrated Watershed Management Plans).

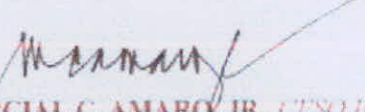
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	<p>and other related policies and regional plans. Moreover, the said RIRC shall present the approved IWMPs to the Regional Development Council (RDC) for adoption. RIRC shall likewise provide WMTEC, through FMB, copies of the approved IWMPs.</p> <p>For watersheds covering one Region, the review shall be done by the RIRC and approval shall be by the concerned RED. All members of the WMTEC under DENR Special Order No. 140, Series of 2009, shall be invited by the RIRC during their scheduled review and evaluation meetings, through any online platform such as teleconferencing, etc.</p> <p>For watersheds covering two or more Regions, the review shall be done by the WMTEC and approval shall be by the Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs. Copy of the IWMP approved by the Central Office shall be forwarded to the Region covering the largest portion of the watershed for presentation to the RDCs for adoption and implementation, in collaboration with the other Regions covering the said watershed.</p>
On the composition of the Regional IWMP Review Committee (RIRC)	<p>The Regional IWMP Review Committee (RIRC) shall be composed of the Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services as Chair and the Assistant Regional Director for Management Services as Co-chair.</p> <p>The members shall be composed of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chief, Regional Planning and Management Division 2. Chief, Mine Safety, Environment and Social Development Division Geological Survey Division (MGB) 3. Chief, Environmental Monitoring and Enforcement Division (EMB) 4. Chief, Conservation and Development Division (Regional Office)

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	5. Research Development and Extension Center
	Secretariat, Selected Regional Staff
On the submission of the CR cum VA reports/ IWMPs	<p>The submission of CR cum VA reports/IWMPs shall be addressed directly to FMB. Initial review of the document shall also be submitted. If it lacks the required contents, it should be returned to the Regional Offices by the WMTEC Secretariat for revision.</p> <p>The draft submissions of CR cum VA/IWMP shall be in the form of hard copy, together with the electronic copy, uploaded online, accessible through URL link, and shall be indicated in the official endorsement for easy, and more convenient reference and retrieval.</p>

Attached herein are copies of DENR Special Order No. 140, Series of 2009 and highlights of the 10th Watershed Multisectoral Technical Evaluation Committee (WMTEC) meeting held last April 21, 2021 for your ready reference.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE, PLEASE.

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