

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 90, August 28, 2019]

FURTHER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 54 (S. 1999), AS AMENDED, BY TRANSFERRING THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE PASIG RIVER REHABILITATION COMMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Section 16, Article II of the Constitution enshrines the policy of the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 54 (s. 1999), as amended, created the Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC) as an inter-agency body mandated to ensure that the Pasig River is rehabilitated to its historically pristine condition conducive to transport, recreation and tourism;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 9275 or the "Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004," mandates the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to exercise jurisdiction over all aspects of water pollution, and to take measures, using available methods and technologies, to prevent and abate such pollution;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 16 (s. 2019), the DENR has been tasked to lead the Manila Bay Task Force, which shall formulate remedial measures using engineering and technological interventions to improve the water quality of the Manila Bay, such as sustained and targeted reduction in the coliform level in all major river systems and tributaries within the Manila Bay Region;

WHEREAS, RA No. 11201 created the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development as the primary national government entity responsible for the management of housing, human settlement and urban development, including the formulation of policies and programs on public housing for the homeless and underprivileged families;

WHEREAS, there is a need for close coordination and oversight of all ongoing efforts of the National Government relative to the clean-up and rehabilitation of major waterways in Metro Manila; and

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article VII of the Constitution provides that the President has the power of control over all executive departments, bureaus and offices, and shall ensure the faithful execution of laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

SECTION 1, Section 2 of EO No. 54, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows: