

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 243, May 12, 1995 ]**

**CREATING A NUCLEAR POWER STEERING COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to ensure a continuous, adequate and economic supply of energy;

WHEREAS, the need for a stable and reliable energy supply was clearly illustrated by the country's experience of the last five years during which time the bleak energy supply situation caused massive losses in productivity and of jobs;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that known world energy resources may not be sufficient to support the progress needed to give the growing population the quality of life it deserves;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that known world energy resources, especially oil and liquid natural gas, may last only up to the first half of the next century, and that other sources such as solar are not foreseen to be major energy contributors in the near future;

WHEREAS, there is a need to abate chemical and particulate emissions into the atmosphere in order to bring about a cleaner environment;

WHEREAS, nuclear power has been proved by world experience to be a reliable, competitive, and cost-effective source of energy supply;

WHEREAS, in the 1995 Philippine Power Development Program there is an undetermined base load capacity addition of 10,600 megawatts (MW) between years 2004-2010;

WHEREAS, the Inter-Agency Committee tasked to develop a Comprehensive Nuclear Power Program for the country has determined that nuclear power is a potentially viable energy source which may be considered to partially fill the required energy gap;

WHEREAS, the Government has decided to assess the viability of a nuclear power program, make the consequent decisions, and provide ongoing support in furtherance of "Philippines 2000";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Nuclear Power Steering Committee. There is hereby created a Nuclear Power Steering Committee, which shall provide policies, direction, monitoring, evaluation, and other functions necessary and appropriate to attain the objectives of the overall Nuclear Power Program of the country. The Committee shall prepare the necessary action plans (including proposed time tables) and work programs. Subject to such guidelines as

may be set by the Office of the President , the Committee shall determine the sources of funding to carry out its mandate.

This Committee is to be composed of the following:

Chairman – Secretary, Department of Energy (DOE)

Co-Chairman – Secretary, Department of Science and Technology (DOST)

Co-Chairman – Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

Members – Secretary, Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS)

– Secretary, Department of Justice (DOJ)

– Director-General, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)

– Secretary, Office of the Press Secretary (OPS)

– President, National Power Corporation (NPC)

– Director, Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI)

– Presidential Assistant, Office of the President (OP)

– Two (2) members from the private sector, to be appointed by the President

The members of the Committee may be represented by an alternate provided that the Committee Chairman is given prior written notice of such designation.

The Committee may create such inter-agency subcommittees as may be necessary to fulfill its mandate, which subcommittees shall include those enumerated under this Executive Order.

The Committee may also call upon any department, agency, or instrumentality of the government for assistance. It shall also have the authority to hire the services of technical consultants of proven and internationally recognized expertise in nuclear technology as may be deemed necessary. In this relation, the Committee, through its appropriate member-agencies, may request the assistance of international bodies, such as the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations Development Program, to carry out its objectives.

The NPC shall provide the administrative and secretariat support to the committee.

SEC. 2. Siting Study Subcommittee. The NPC is hereby ordered to be the lead agency of the Siting Study Subcommittee which shall include, among