

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 191, August 09, 2007]

AUTHORIZING THE NATIONAL DISASTER COORDINATING COUNCIL (NDCC) TO REVIEW, EVALUATE AND ENDORSE DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (DBM) PERTINENT AGENCY WORK PROGRAMS PROPOSED FOR FUNDING FROM THE 2006 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (CALAMITY FUND) UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 9358, AND HEREBY DIRECTING THE DBM TO RELEASE THE FUNDS AS ENDORSED, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AS WELL AS APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the calamity brought about by the August 11, 2006 Solar 1 oil spill caused extensive environmental damage and loss of livelihood to thousands of people;

WHEREAS, Congress passed Republic Act (RA) 9358 (2006 Supplemental Appropriation) appropriating among others, additional calamity funds in the amount of P867,401,000.00 under Section 1 (m) for various implementing agencies;

WHEREAS, RA 9358 provides further that the NDCC shall submit to the Congressional Oversight Committee a bi-monthly report on the utilization of funds for the Solar 1 oil spill;

WHEREAS, DBM-Department of Finance-NDCC Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1 dated March 21, 2007 provides implementing rules and regulations covering RA 9358, which require implementing agencies to submit proposals to the NDCC, an inter-agency body with the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) as technical Secretariat;

NOW THEREFORE, I, GLORIA M. ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Mandate. – The NDCC shall review and approve proposals submitted to it for the rehabilitation, recovery, livelihood and development projects in oil spill-affected areas to be funded from the 2006 Supplemental Appropriation under RA 9358, and endorse the same to the DBM for corresponding fund releases. It shall likewise ensure that funds shall be spent judiciously and effectively, consistent with the language and intent of RA 9358, through proper prioritization of relevant programs and the consistent monitoring of projects. It shall notify the DBM of its approval as a basis for the release of the requested funds.

SECTION 2. Task Force Solar Oil Spill (SOS). – Task Force Solar Oil Spill is hereby abolished and its powers transferred to the NDCC.

SECTION 3. Secretariat. – The OCD shall secure the services of OCD Region 6