

[DENR MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 99-16, May 28, 1999]

AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF MC NO. 97-03 REGARDING GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES IN THE PROCESSING OF PAYMENTS FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZING AND COMPREHENSIVE SITE DEVELOPMENT OF SUB PROJECTS UNDER THE FORESTRY SECTOR PROJECT

Pursuant to the thrust of the DENR to provide assistance to the Assisting Organizations (AOs) and People's Organizations (POs) to facilitate the inspection and validation; and the processing of payments to maximize fund utilization in the community organizing and comprehensive site development of sub projects under the Forestry Sector Project, Memorandum Circular No. 97-03 is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT

Section 5 of MC 97-03 is amended and shall now read as follows:

"Section 5. Composite Inspection Committee (CIC). For the purpose of inspecting and validating the accomplishments at the sub project sites, the CENRO shall create a composite Inspection Committee (CIC) which shall be composed of three (3) technically competent CENRO personnel with at least two (2) alternates. The CENRO shall always coordinate with the municipal and provincial government units to make sure that a fourth member of the CIC from the LGU is always available. The team shall be headed by the most senior CENRO representative. In cases that a sub project is located under the jurisdiction of two (2) provinces, the CIC of the CENRO who has the bigger share of the area shall be the one to inspect.

However, in cases where the sub project has not been inspected within fifteen (15) days of the request of the site coordinator, the AO or the PO and to avoid any unnecessary delay in the payment of billings, the Regional Office, through the Assistant Regional Executive Director for Operations, shall create a Regional Inspection Committee (RIC). The committee shall be composed of three (3) competent technical personnel and two alternates from the regional office. However, technical personnel from the PENR and CENR offices may be tapped as members of the RIC, if the situation so requires. It shall be headed by the most senior Regional Office representative. The committee shall perform on an on-call basis and shall be activated only upon the explicit instructions of the Regional Executive Director (RED). It shall cease to function once the sub project has been inspected."