

# [ PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1121, April 18, 1977 ]

## CREATING THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COUNCIL

**WHEREAS**, the national government is aware of the continuing deterioration of the Philippine environment caused by rapid urbanization, industrial growth, population expansion, natural resources extractions, the use of modern technology and other socio-economic factors;

**WHEREAS**, the national government is cognizant of the damaging and irreversible environmental impacts of these socio-economic activities on the stability of natural ecosystems and on human health and safety as well as on the natural resources of this country;

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the national leadership to create, develop, maintain and improve conditions under which man and nature can thrive in productive and enjoyable harmony with each other, and thereby attain an environmental quality conducive to a life of dignity and well-being for our people;

**WHEREAS**, the national leadership notes the dearth of a total environment protection program that deals with the entire spectrum of environment as well as the lack of coordinated system in the enforcement of existing environment-oriented laws;

**WHEREAS**, the interaction of the above socio-economic forces render it imperative for the national leadership to create a central authority that will oversee, unify and integrate the planning, management and implementation of the government's environment program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree:

**SECTION 1.** *Creation of the National Environmental Protection Council.* — There is hereby created a National Environmental Protection Council, hereinafter referred to as the "Council, which shall be under the supervision and control of the President of the Philippines.

**SECTION 2.** *Composition of the Council.* — The Council shall be composed of the President of the Philippines, as Chairman; the Secretary of Natural Resources as Executive Officer; and as members, the Presidential Assistant for Development; the Secretary of Public Highways; the Secretary of Local Governments and Community Development; the Secretary of Industry; the Secretary of National Defense; the Secretary of Public Works, Transportation and Communications; the Chairman of Energy Development Board; the Budget Commissioner; the Chairman of National Pollution Control Commission; the Chairman of National Science Development Board; the Chairman of the Human Settlements Commission; and the Chairman of the Board of Environmental Center of the Philippines.

The Executive Director of the Secretariat created in Sec. 5 hereof shall act as the Secretary of the Council.