

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 47, August 26, 2015]

CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON ARSENIC RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, cognizant of the various health risks resulting from arsenic contamination of groundwater, the State has undertaken precautionary measures to avert serious deterioration of public health;

WHEREAS, there is further need to ensure the full coordination and implementation of all government agencies in order to bring to fore measures to address arsenic exposure both at the national and local levels;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Executive Order No. 62 (s. 2011), the Department of Public Works and Highways was designated as lead agency to address all issues and concern of the water sector.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation of Task Force. An Inter-Agency Task Force on Arsenic Risk Management is hereby constituted to be composed of representatives of the following agencies:

Lead Agency:	Department of Public Works and Highways
Members:	Department of Health Department of Science and Technology Department of Environment and Natural Resources Department of the Interior and Local Government Department of Budget and Management Local Water Utilities Administration Presidential Communications Operations Office

The Task Force may call upon any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the government, including Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), local government units (LGUs), non-government organizations (NGOs) and the private sector for assistance as the circumstances and exigencies may require.

SECTION 2. Functions. The Task Force shall perform the following functions: