

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 146, November 13, 2013 ]**

**DELEGATING TO THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY BOARD THE POWER OF THE PRESIDENT TO  
APPROVE RECLAMATION PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, Executive Order (EO) No. 525 (s. 1979) provides that the Public Estates Authority (PEA), presently the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA), shall be primarily responsible for integrating, directing, and coordinating all reclamation projects for and on behalf of the national government and that all reclamation projects shall be approved by the President upon recommendation of the PRA;

WHEREAS, EO No. 543 (s. 2006) provides that the power of the President to approve reclamation projects shall be delegated to the PRA, through Its governing board, subject to compliance with existing laws and rules and subject to the condition that reclamation contracts to be executed with any person or entity shall go through public bidding;

WHEREAS, EO No. 292 (s. 1987), or the Administrative Code of 1987, provides that the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) shall be primarily responsible for formulating continuing, coordinated and fully integrated social and economic policies, plans, and programs, and that the President shall be the Chairperson of the NEDA Board;

WHEREAS, there is a need to ensure that reclamation initiatives or projects are coordinated and integrated at the national and regional levels of development planning and programming, consistent with established national priorities of the government, and synchronized with development planning, programming, and budgeting; and

WHEREAS, the President has the power to reorganize the offices and agencies in the Executive Department in line with the constitutionally-granted power of control over executive offices and by virtue of previous delegation of the legislative power to reorganize executive offices under existing statutes.

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. Approval of Reclamation Projects. The power of the President to approve reclamation projects is hereby delegated to the NEDA Board. The PRA shall continue to process, evaluate and recommend the approval of all proposed reclamation projects to the NEDA Board. Proposed reclamation projects endorsed by the PRA to the NEDA Board should include all relevant documents as may be required by the NEDA Board, such as but not limited to Letters of Intent, Project Proposals, Pre-Feasibility Studies, draft agreement or contract. Such delegation however shall not be construed as diminishing the President's authority to modify, amend or nullify NEDA Board's action.