

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 62, October 26, 2011]

**TRASFERRING THE LOCAL WATER UTILITIES ADMINISTRATION
(LWUA) FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH)**

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 198, as amended, established LWUA which is currently attached to the Department of Health (DOH) by virtue of Executive Order (EO) No. 738 (s. 2008);

WHEREAS, there is a need for a concerted and well-coordinated effort in formulating policies as well as planning and implementing programs and projects for the water sector;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) was created by virtue of Republic Act No. 6234, as amended, and is currently attached to the DPWH by virtue of Executive Order No. 124 (s. 1987);

WHEREAS, DPWH is mandated to ensure that the planning, design, construction and maintenance of infrastructure facilities such as national highways, flood control and water resource development systems, are in accordance with the highest level of safety and efficiency and in line with the overall national development objectives;

WHEREAS, EO No. 279 (s. 2004) and EO No. 421 (s. 2005) provide that a representative from the DOF shall be one of the three National Government Trustees in the LWUA Board;

WHEREAS, DOH representation in the LWUA Board of Trustees is sufficient for continuing oversight on the water and sanitation sector with respect to health concerns; and,

WHEREAS, under Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of the Administrative Code of 1987, the President has the continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President.

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

SECTION 1. Transfer of LWUA to DPWH. LWUA is hereby transferred from DOH to DPWH.

SECTION 2. Authority to Exercise Administrative Supervision. DPWH is hereby authorized to exercise administrative supervision over LWUA and shall continue to implement reforms, including but not limited to those established under EO No. 279 and EO No. 421, to ensure efficient flow of resources into the sector, thereby facilitating the implementation of projects therein.

SECTION 3. National Government Trustees. The Secretaries of Finance, Public Works and Highways, and Health, serving in ex officio capacity, shall sit as Members of the