

[OP EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 815, July 06, 2009]

**DECLARING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WITHIN LAGUNA
LAKE AS A PRESIDENTIAL PRIORITY**

WHEREAS, the Medium Term Philippine Development Plan (MTDP) of the government includes infrastructure development and water resources management, as well as the formulation of a comprehensive development plan for the country's water resources to promote economic growth and environmental stability;

WHEREAS, the integration and harmonization of various government mandates and resources in the provisions for safe and clean water supply for the entire country is emphasized in the MTDP;

WHEREAS, the reforestation and watersheds, coupled with the establishment of water quality, effective flood control and measures, and the implementation of integrated water management scheme, are highly recommended for the sustainable supply and allocation of safe and clean water;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Executive Order (EO) No. 192, series of 1987, mandates that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is the primary government agency responsible for the conservation, management, and development of the country's environment and natural resources, as well as their proper use, and shall ensure the equitable sharing of the benefits derived therefrom for the welfare of the present and future generations of Filipinos;

WHEREAS, the President has the continuing authority to rationalize and integrate various mandates of the Executive Branch pursuant to Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of the Administrative Code of 1987.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Declaration. The Environmental and Economic Development Program for Laguna Lake is a Presidential Priority Program that shall be developed and implemented immediately.

SECTION 2. Execution. The River Basin Control Office (RBCO) under the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall be the lead agency in the implementation of the Program.

SECTION 3. Implementation Arrangement. The RBCO shall be supported by the Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA), an agency under the DENR. All other departments, government agencies and entities concerned are hereby ordered to provide full cooperation for the timely and smooth execution of the Program.