

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 387, November 26, 2004 ]**

**TRANSFERRING THE LOCAL WATER UTILITIES  
ADMINISTRATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) AND  
STRENGTHENING THE SUPERVISION BY THE DPWH SECRETARY  
OVER THE METROPOLITAN WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE  
SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA), which was created by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 198, as amended, is currently attached to the Office of the President by virtue of Executive Order No. 279, series of 2004;

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, series of 1987;

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, there is a need to speed-up the provision of potable water in every barangay;

WHEREAS, the 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 and safety and efficiency and with the overall national development objectives;

WHEREAS, under Section 31, Chapter 10, Book III of Executive Order No. 292, series of 1987, otherwise known as the "Administrative Code of 1987", the President, in order to achieve simplicity, economy and efficiency, has the continuing authority to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President.

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. Transfer of LWUA to DPWH* - The Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA) is hereby transferred from the Office of the President to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

*SECTION 2. Authority to Exercise Administrative Supervision.* - The Secretary of Public Works and Highways is hereby authorized to exercise administrative supervision over the LWUA and the MWSS, with the