

**[DOTC DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 2000-11,
January 17, 2000]**

**AN ORDER PROVIDING POLICIES AND GUIDELINES IN THE
ENFORCEMENT OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE PERMISSIBLE
EMISSION LEVEL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE
MITIGATION OF AIR POLLUTION EMISSION FROM MOTOR
VEHICLES**

Section 21 of Article 4 of Republic Act No. 8749, known as the "Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999", mandated DOTC as the lead agency in the enforcement of the emission standards for motor vehicles. The act further provided that corresponding Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) shall be promulgated by concerned government agencies within one (1) year after the passage of said law.

Now, therefore, this Department, concerned with the exigency of combating air pollution problems and pursuant to the provisions of RA 8749 and consistent with DENR Administrative Order No. 2000-03, hereby issued the following policies and guidelines in the enforcement of vehicle emission standards and other related activities relevant to air pollution mitigation:

1. The Land Transportation Office (LTO) is the agency of this Department tasked to enforce the permissible emission level of vehicles. To effectively carry out this program, said Office may deputize other law enforcement agencies, local government units (LGUs), the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) and other government agencies in accordance with LTO Memorandum Order No. 98-108. Further, that Office is instructed to prepare operation plans and programs to enforce this Order and to report the same to the Office of the Secretary.

2. Unless otherwise updated, the permissible emission limits and test procedures defined in DENR Administrative Order No. 98-46 will remain as the basic standard and shall properly observed.

3. No new motor vehicle submitted to LTO for initial registration shall be allowed to be registered without a valid Certificate of Compliance (COC) issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). New motor vehicles shall include the following:

- Vehicles designed and manufactured using brand new engines and spare parts in the Philippines.
- Vehicles assembled in the Philippines using original and brand new parts and components imported into the country either semi knocked down (SKD) or completely knocked down (CKD).
- Second hand completely built up (CBU) vehicles imported into the Philippines and are submitted to DOTC/LTO for initial registration.