

MALACAÑANG
MANILA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 174

CONSTITUTING AN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE FOR THE EXPANDED RAIN
STIMULATION PROGRAM (ERSP)

WHEREAS, a drought situation causes immeasurable damage to the agriculture sector, reduces the expected production of agricultural commodities, and creates food shortages;

WHEREAS, drought also affects the productivity and income of farmers who comprise 70% of our population;

WHEREAS, the absence of inflow from precipitation to the water reservoirs and watersheds can cause severe shortages in power generation, irrigation and supply of potable water;

WHEREAS, the combined effects of a drought together with other calamities may damage our economy and thus hamper our development;

WHEREAS, an immediate solution to minimize the effects of drought is an institutionalized expanded rain stimulation program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. There is hereby constituted an Inter-Agency Committee on the Expanded Rain Stimulation Program (ERSP) to be composed of the following:

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| The Secretary of Agriculture | - Chairman |
| The Secretary of Public Works and Highways | - Vice-Chairman |
| The President, National Power Corporation (NPC) | - Member |
| The Administrator, National Irrigation Administration (NIA) | - Member |

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The Administrator, Metro-
politan Waterworks and
Sewerage System (MWSS) - Member

The Administrator, Local Water
Utilities Administration (LWUA) - Member

The Director, Philippine
Atmospheric Geophysical and
Astronomical Services
Administration (PAG-ASA) - Member

The Director, Bureau of Soils
and Water Management (BSWM) - Member

The Commanding Officer,
Philippine Air Force (PAF) - Member

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The National Artificial Rain Stimulation, Office of the
Bureau of Soils and Water Management shall act as
Secretariat to the Committee.

SEC. 2. The Committee shall have the following
functions:

1. To undertake overall planning and implementation
for the expanded rain stimulation program;
2. To coordinate all private and government programs
and activities for expanded rain stimulation;
3. To oversee the implementation of and undertake
performance evaluation of the approved program.
4. To call upon any government agency, office and
instrumentalities, government-owned or controlled
corporations.
5. To submit to the President progress reports on the
implementation of the program.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary for the operations of the
Committee and its Secretariat shall be funded from any lump
sum appropriations in FY 1990 budget as may be determined by
the Department of Budget and Management.

SEC. 4. This Administrative Order shall take effect
immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 20th day of June in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

Corazon S. Aquino

By the President:

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Executive Secretary

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