

## Republic of the Philippines

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

# DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. <u>DD 2012-03-0005</u>

#### CREATING THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE FORMULATION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6 of Presidential Decree No. 1442, otherwise known as the "Geothermal Act" of 1978 in relation to Section 5 (a) and Section 21 of Republic Act No. 7638, otherwise known as the "Department of Energy Act" of 1992, the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Department Circular No. 2000-02-001 or the Revised Geothermal Safety and Health Rules and Regulations;

WHEREAS, under Section 2c of Republic Act No. 9513 otherwise known as the "Renewable Energy Act of 2008" (RE Act), it is the declared policy of the state to encourage the sustainable development and utilization of renewable energy resources as tools to effectively prevent or reduce harmful emissions and thereby balance the goals of economic growth and development with the promotion of health and safety, and the protection of the environment;

WHEREAS, under Section 5 of the RE Act, the Department of Energy has been mandated, to be the lead agency to implement its provisions;

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide policy guidelines covering all renewable energy operations to ensure the safety and protection against hazards to health, life and property as well as pollution of air land and water;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the aforementioned premises, the Technical Working Group (TWG) for the formulation of Renewable Energy Safety, Health and Environment Rules and Regulations (RESHERR) is hereby created:

Section 1. Composition. The TWG shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson:

Director, Renewable Energy Management Bureau (REMB)

Vice-Chairperson:

Assistant Director, REMB

Members:

Chief, Contracts Division

Chief, Compliance Division

Chief, Biomass Energy Management Division Chief, Geothermal Energy Management Division Chief, Hydro and Ocean Energy Management Division

Chief, Solar and Wind Energy Management Division National Renewable Energy Board - Technical Secretariat

### Section 2. Functions. The TWG shall have the following functions:

- Review existing safety and health rules and regulations for the operation of geothermal and integrate with those of other renewable energy resources;
- Formulate and finalize the RESHERR and Code of Practice, after public consultation; and
- Endorse the RESHERR and Code of Practice for approval of the Secretary of Energy.

**Section 3. Secretariat.** The TWG shall be assisted by a Secretariat to be composed of personnel from the respective members' divisions.

**Section 4.** Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless revoked in writing by the undersigned and/or competent authority.

Issued this \_\_\_\_\_MAR 2 & 2012 \_\_\_\_in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City, Metro Manila.

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Secretary

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