



NWRB RESOLUTION No. 07-0720

Implementation of Online Virtual Inspection in the Issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) & Other Related Applications and Conduct of Asset Validation for CPC Grantees in the Face of Covid-19 Pandemic

The NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD, a government institution created and existing under Presidential Decree No. 424 and Presidential Decree No. 1067, with office address at 8th Floor NIA Building, EDSA, Quezon City, states:

At the meeting of the Board held at the NWRB Conference Room, 8th Floor NIA Building, EDSA, Quezon City on September 25, 2020, the following resolution was unanimously approved and confirmed, to wit:

WHEREAS, with the outbreak of the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic that has posed a threat to the lives of the Filipino people and the Philippine economy as well, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 on March 9, 2020, declaring the country under a state of public health emergency;

WHEREAS, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, a Memorandum Circular was issued by the Executive Secretary on March 16, 2020, by order of President Duterte, which provides for the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) over Luzon from March 17, 2020, to April 13, 2020, thus, office work and classes have been suspended and most businesses have been ordered closed;

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020, President Duterte extended the ECQ over Luzon until April 30, 2020, and on April 24, 2020, further extended the ECQ in Metro Manila, Central Luzon, Calabarzon, and all other high-risk provinces until May 15, 2020, while placing low-risk and moderate-risk areas under general community quarantine (GCQ) beginning May 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2020, President Duterte declared a modified enhanced community quarantine (MECQ) in Metro Manila, Laguna, and Cebu City from May 16 to May 31, 2020, while placing other regional areas to a GCQ and a modified general community quarantine (MGCQ) for the same period;

WHEREAS, beginning June 1, 2020, Metro Manila transitioned from MECQ to GCQ while the rest of the country is placed under GCQ and MGCQ until July 31, 2020, except for Cebu City which reverted to ECQ since June 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a need to consider new methods/processes in undertaking the government's essential services to ensure the safety of the citizens;

WHEREAS, the issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) is a frontline service covered by the NWRB Quality Management System (QMS) and its processes;

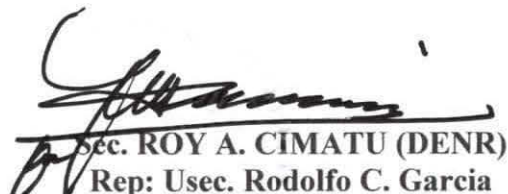
WHEREAS, in the issuance of CPC and other related applications and the conduct of asset validation for CPC Grantees, the conduct of on-site technical and ocular inspection of the existing waterworks system facilities is necessary;

WHEREAS, to eliminate in-person contact in the conduct of technical and ocular inspection, online virtual inspection has to be adopted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the **online virtual inspection** shall be implemented in lieu of on-site technical and ocular inspection in the issuance of CPC and other related applications and in the conduct of asset validation for CPC Grantees to fit current health and safety guidelines;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this resolution shall be effective until revoked by another NWRB Resolution as circumstances may warrant.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 23rd day of July 2020, in Quezon City, Philippines.


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