

**RESOLUTION NO. 020-1209**  
**December 10, 2009 – 84<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting**  
**NON-ACCEPTANCE OF WATER PERMIT APPLICATIONS (WPAS) AND**  
**SUSPENSION OF PROCESSING OF PENDING WPAS IN CRITICAL AREAS IN**  
**METRO MANILA AND METRO CEBU THAT ARE UNDER MINING**  
**CONDITIONS**

WHEREAS, NWRB issued Board Resolution No. 001-0904 on September 22, 2004 and Board Resolution No. 004-0507 on May 31, 2007 which define the policies relative to the acceptance and processing of water permit applications (WPAs) from groundwater source for Metro Manila and Metro Cebu critical areas, respectively;

WHEREAS, the said resolutions stated that WPAs in Metro Manila and Metro Cebu critical areas which are not adequately served by water service providers (WSPs) may be processed and permits may be issued to them which shall be valid until connection from the WSP becomes available in the area and can adequately serve the water requirements of the applicant;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the above-mentioned policies, WPAs in Metro Manila and Metro Cebu critical areas are still accepted, processed and recommended for Board's approval;

WHEREAS, given the situation and in order to prevent further degradation of groundwater resources in the area, there is a need to amend the existing policies to be able to suspend the acceptance and processing of WPAs in the area;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, not to accept WPAs in Muntinlupa, Las Piñas and Paranaque in Metro Manila and portions of Metro Cebu which are already under mining condition, effective December 10, 2009.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to suspend the processing of pending WPAs in critical area and under mining conditions in the above-mentioned areas until a comprehensive and amended policy in critical areas is issued.