



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR No. 001, Series of 2015

FOR : **ALL WATER UTILITIES**

SUBJECT : **MITIGATING MEASURES TO ADDRESS
THE EFFECTS OF EL NIÑO**

The occurrence of El Niño Phenomenon is looming and inevitably imminent which will intensify in the next three quarters up to June of 2016 as forecasted by PAG-ASA, all water utilities and other water appropriators/users therefore are hereby enjoined to prepare and update, or adopt and implement their respective action plans designed/aimed to mitigate its expected impact and adverse effects; which shall include, among others, the following activities:

1. Reduction of non-revenue water (NRW) or systems loss [e.g. prompt repair of leakages; check illegal connections and prosecute violators];
2. Adoption of water conservation measures (reduce, re-use, recycle);
3. Maintain accurate data, i.e. 1. daily or monthly volume produced per deepwell or diversion point; 2. average monthly consumption; 3. monthly NRW; 4. Static and drawdown level;
4. Timely submission of all reports required under the regulation;
5. Intensified and sustained information dissemination to all stakeholders, including but not limited to planned and unplanned water interruptions;
6. Coordination with proper/appropriate government agencies, Offices, and private or non-government organizations;

In view therefore, all water utilities including other water appropriators/users i.e. industrial, irrigation, fisheries, livestock raising, power generation, recreational, etc., are hereby directed to submit their respective action plans and data (on water appropriation and use) to the Office of the Executive Director of National Water Resources Board not later than the 30th of September 2015 (or upload to nwrphil@gmail.com).

For strict compliance.

August 24, 2015, Quezon City, Metro Manila.


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