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TO: ALL WATER DISTRICTS

SUBJECT: ISO 14001:2004 Certification as Bidding
Technical Eligibility Requirements.

In the exercise of its power to formulate minimum standards and regulations for Local Water Districts, the Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA) has established minimum standards with regard to the technical specification of products, especially for pipes, through its Technical Standards Committee.

In relation thereto and in view of request for clarification from stakeholders, we have submitted a query to the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) and other concerned government agencies, whether or not ISO 14001:2004 Certification is a reasonable technical eligibility requirement for the procurement of main/distribution pipes through public bidding, as being prescribed by some Water Districts, citing implementation and/or compliance with Executive Order No. 301, dated 29 March 2004, entitled, "Establishing A Green Procurement Program For All Departments, Bureaus, Offices And Agencies Of The Executive Branch Of Government".

The LWUA BAC, however, in conducting public bidding for procurement of pipes, is not specifically requiring ISO 14001:2004 Certification as a pre-qualification/eligibility document.

Pending receipt of a definitive reply from the GPPB on our letter-query dated July 22, 2015 (copy herein attached), we enjoin all Water Districts to use the LWUA's technical specification in public biddings for the procurement of main/distribution pipes, and refrain from requiring ISO 14001:2004 Certification as a bidding pre-qualification/eligibility requirement in order to allow more prospective bidders to participate in the public bidding process redounding to the benefit of the Water Districts.

For your information and guidance.

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Administrator