

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. D02005-05-009

**CREATION OF A DOE STEERING COMMITTEE AND
SUB-COMMITTEES FOR PURPOSES OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8439**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8439, otherwise known as the “Magna Carta for Scientists, Engineers, Researchers and Other Science and Technology Personnel in Government” (the “Magna Carta”) declares it the policy of the State to "provide for a program of human resources development in science and technology to achieve and maintain the necessary reservoir of talent and manpower that will sustain its drive for total science and technology mastery;"

WHEREAS, the Magna Carta and its implementing rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Science and Technology ("DOST") allows for the granting of incentives to qualified science and technology personnel in DOST and non-DOST agencies;

WHEREAS, the Department of Energy (“DOE) desires and intends to support qualified science and technology personnel employed by the DOE for purpose of availment of the benefits granted under the Magna Carta;

WHEREAS, there is now a need for the DOE to commence the procedure for availment prescribed by the Magna Carta and its implementing rules and regulations;

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, there is hereby created the DOE Screening Committee for the purposes and in accordance with the terms provided in this Department Order.

Section 1. There is hereby created a DOE Screening Committee for purposes of the Magna Carta composed of the following:

Chairman:	Undersecretary Guillermo R. Balce
Members:	Directors or Officers-in-Charge ("OIC") of all Bureaus and Services
Secretariat:	Administrative Services and Legal Services

Section 2. The DOE Screening Committee shall perform the following tasks:

- (a) Identify and list the activities of the Department that can be classified under the groups considered as scientific and technological activities in accordance with the Magna Carta and its implementing rules and regulations (“Qualified Activities”);

- (b) Endorse the list of Qualified Activities to the respective Screening Sub-Committees;
- (c) Evaluate and approve the list, as endorsed by the respective Screening Sub-Committees, of DOE officials/employees who are qualified to avail of the benefits provided for in the Magna Carta ("Qualified Employees");
- (d) Finalize the list of Qualified Employees and consolidate supporting documents for endorsement by the DOE Secretary and submission to the DOST for accreditation.

Section 3. There is also hereby created Screening Sub-Committees at the Bureau and Service levels composed of the following:

Chairman: Bureau or Service Director/OIC
Members: Division Chiefs or OICs

Section 4. The Screening Sub-Committees shall have the following tasks:

- (a) Based on the list of Qualified Activities received from the DOE Screening Committee, evaluate the qualifications of DOE officials/employees who may be entitled to the benefits provided in the Magna Carta;
- (b) Endorse to the DOE Screening Committee the list of personnel from their respective bureau or service whom they have determined qualified to avail of the benefits from the Magna Carta; and
- (c) Prepare the supporting documents for evaluation and approval of the DOE Screening Committee, as necessary for approval of the DOE Secretary and submission to the DOST.

Section 5. This Department Order shall immediately take effect.

Issued this 24th day of May, 2005, at Fort Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila.

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Secretary