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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**  
Manila



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DEPARTMENT ORDER )

SUBJECT: )

**Comprehensive Policy on Diggings /  
Excavations by Utility Agencies  
/Companies on National Roads**

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This policy is formulated to improve the process and requirements related to digging/excavation permits, establish explicit responsibilities of the concerned DPWH personnel and Utility Agencies/Companies, and ensure conformity to the herein provisions, in support to the Department's goal to provide quality, safe, and convenient national road network to the travelling public. The same is also the product of continuous commitment of the Department in complying with the Republic Act 11032 "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Delivery of Government Services Act of 2018".

All provisions of this policy are only applicable to Government to Business (G2B) and Government to Government (G2G) transactions involving utility digging/excavation and restoration works along national roads. Furthermore, utilities that will traverse both local and national roads require separate permits based on the respective policies and guidelines of the involved offices. The Digging/Excavation Permits issued by DPWH shall not be treated as a prerequisite for other government permits/clearances with the same purpose.

This Order supersedes Department Order No. 83, series of 2018, Department Order No. 124, series of 2014, and Department Order No. 26, series of 2011, and shall take effect immediately.

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