

# **COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON DIGGINGS / EXCAVATIONS BY UTILITY AGENCIES/COMPANIES ON NATIONAL ROADS**

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

Anchoring on the purpose of providing greater ease on the Applicants' end to acquire permits, the Department amended the policy to provide a more detailed and comprehensive policy encompassing all activities in the Digging/Excavation of utility facilities, while also securing that all DPWH structures will be restored to its original condition, guaranteeing quality, convenience, and safety of the road network.

This policy covers the requirements for the application of Digging/Excavation Permits within the National Road Right-of-Way limit (RROW). It also defines the roles and responsibilities of the concerned DPWH Personnel and Utility Agencies/Companies, provides the rules on diggings/excavations, restoration works, and time extensions, as well as the appropriate actions to be taken against the non-compliance to the herein policy.

### **Definition of Terms**

**Abandonment** – willful or deliberate non-performance of the Permittee despite of the issuance of two (2) consecutive notices.

**Active Permit** – Digging/Excavation Permit with no issuance of Certificate of Completion Restoration Works.

**Applicant** – Utility Agency/Company who will avail frontline service involving Digging/Excavation Permit.

**Certificate of Acceptance of Restoration Works (CoA ReWorks)** - a document issued by the DPWH Implementing Office (IO) after the lapse of one-year liability period from the issuance date of the Certificate of Completion (Restoration Works), provided however that all defects/deficiencies during the one-year Defects Liability Period, if any, shall have been repaired by the Permittee to the satisfaction of the concerned DPWH IO.

**Certificate of Completion of Restoration Works (CoC ReWorks)** - a document issued by the DPWH IO certifying that the restoration works/deliverables have been factually and satisfactorily completed, in accordance with the DPWH Standards and Specifications, Plans, and Notarized Terms and Conditions (T&C) - based on the Final Completion Inspection Report by the Joint Inspection Team.

**Date of Completion** - the date indicated under the CoC ReWorks as to when the project has been factually and satisfactorily completed/accomplished - in accordance with the DPWH Standards and Specifications, Plans, and Notarized T&C - based on the Final Completion Inspection Report.

**Defects Liability Period (DLP)** - shall commence one (1) year from the issuance date of the CoC ReWorks up to the date of CoA ReWorks; within such period, all identified defects/deficiencies, if any, shall be repaired by the Permittee to the satisfaction of the concerned DPWH IO.