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**PAMBANSANG PANGASIWAAN NG PATAUBIG**  
(National Irrigation Administration)  
Lungsod ng Quezon

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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TO: The Deputy Administrator, Assistant Administrators, Regional Irrigation Managers, Project Managers, Department Managers, Irrigation Superintendents, Provincial Irrigation Officers, NIA Employees and All Others Concerned

SUBJECT: CONSERVATION OF WATER FOR IRRIGATION

Water is becoming a scarce commodity owing to natural and man-made factors. It must be conserved to reach a greater number of users. Complaints and problems on water distribution and management have been brought to the attention of top management. To address these, you are directed to be vigilant in conserving and minimizing pollution of irrigation water in all national and communal irrigation systems by adopting the following measures, among others:

1. Prevention of squatting along embankments of irrigation canals;
2. Maintenance of cleanliness in the canals by checking disposal of waste materials from nearby communities;
3. Prevention of water overflowing by instituting measures for efficient control and proper scheduling of water deliveries, as well as clearing the channels of obstructions;
4. Prevention of erosion on canal embankments by protecting sections that are prone to erosion, planting vegetative cover, prohibiting dragging of farm implements or objects that could loosen the embankments, among others;
5. Prevention of washing of clothes and bathing of people and carabaos in the canals; and
6. Prevention of illegal diversion of water.

These and other measures to conserve water, including watershed protection should be strictly instituted in coordination with the Irrigators' Associations. You are instructed to be consistent in exerting concerted efforts towards proper water management and distribution. Coordinate also with the local government units and other sectors concerned, particularly in enforcing anti-squatting laws.

For your guidance and compliance.

RODOLFO C. UNDAN  
Administrator