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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

**TO : ALL REGIONAL IRRIGATION MANAGERS, OPERATIONS/  
PROJECT MANAGERS, IRRIGATION SUPERINTENDENTS ,  
PROVINCIAL IRRIGATION OFFICERS AND ALL OTHERS  
CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : Mandatory Installation and Usage of Measuring Devices in  
National Irrigation Systems for Water Management**

Staff gauges and functional flumes for water measurement are now seldom seen on most irrigation systems. It is a complete disregard on the importance of discharge readings on intakes and major canals in sound water management practice. This importance has been repeatedly emphasized in the past as outlined under MC's 32, 46 and 46-A series 1974, as well as the fact that funds for these purposes have been provided by rehabilitation projects such as the IOSP 1 and 2 and others.

In addition, it should be noted that the availability and usage of staff gauges and other measuring devices are included as parameters in evaluating the annual performance of Irrigation Superintendent. Thus, in its original version MC 46 sanctioned such penalties as forfeitures of representation allowance for disobedience of concerned officers.

The noticeable dwindling of water supply on river and watershed sources has given rise to the need of a more conscientious water accounting. Moreover, measurement of discharges is a basic necessity for equitable, proportionate and timely distribution of water to farmer clientele.

Hence, effective immediately, all Irrigation Superintendents are instructed to install measuring devices such as staff gauges, maintain, keep and use obtainable data in formulating operations plan for each system. Funds that maybe needed relative thereto could be of proper charged against their current COB or regular rehabilitation works.

For compliance.

  
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