

GOVERNMENT OF GUAM  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AGANA, GUAM

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 73-17

WHEREAS, an abundant supply of pure water is perhaps the single most important factor contributing to the health and well-being of a people; and

WHEREAS, being residents of an island, the people of Guam have very limited fresh water resources available for their use; and

WHEREAS, should these resources be exhausted or rendered unfit for human consumption further development of the island's social, cultural, economic, and health progress would be effectively halted; and

WHEREAS, such a disastrous turn of events could be prevented through the expeditious use of existing technology and available expertise; and

WHEREAS, responsibility for various aspects of the development, utilization and protection of our drinking water is, at the present time, not clearly defined;

NOW, THEREFORE, to assure that there is adequate protection of our drinking water as it is collected, treated and delivered to the consumer, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. The Department of Public Health and Social Services shall be responsible for assuring that the water served the public is of good quality and free of any conditions which might endanger the health of the people being served.
2. To assist the Department of Public Health and Social Services in carrying out these responsibilities there is hereby established the Drinking Water Advisory Board.

3. The Board shall be composed of the following persons or their designated representatives:
  - a. Director of Public Health and Social Services  
(Chairman)
  - b. Chief Officer, Public Utility Agency of Guam
  - c. Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
  - d. Director, Public Works
  - e. A representative from the U. S. Navy and U. S. Air Force upon authorization from the appropriate Commanding Officers
4. The Board shall serve as the coordinating body among represented agencies and as advisory council to the Department of Public Health and Social Services in all matters relative to the protection, maintenance, and improvement of our water sources, water treatment facilities, and water distribution systems.
5. The Board shall prepare recommendations for policies to be adopted or actions to be taken in all areas related, directly or indirectly, to the protection, maintenance, or improvement of our water sources, water treatment facilities and water distribution systems, and shall forward such recommendations to the agencies represented and to the Governor.

  
GOVERNOR OF GUAM

DATED: APR 19 1973

COUNTERSIGNED:

  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR