

Seventh Addendum to
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 116

*Amending the Organization of the Ministry of Resources and Development
within the Executive Branch (Executive Order No. 98)*

WHEREAS, since the establishment of the constitutional Government of the Republic of Palau on January 1, 1981, the basic framework for the structure of the Executive Branch of the national government was set forth by Public Law No. 7-8-8 (2 PNC 101-104) and consisted of five major departments; namely, Ministries of State, Justice, National Resources, Social Services and Administration; and

WHEREAS, specific bureaus, divisions, offices and the related functions, responsibilities, duties and activities of the five ministries within the Executive Branch of the national government were formally established on September 29, 1982, upon promulgation of Executive Order No. 09, and subsequent amendments thereafter; and

WHEREAS, said Executive Branch of the national government was further reorganized on July 27, 1990 by Public Law No. 3-30 which increased the major departments from five to eight, namely, the Ministries of State, justice, Resources and Development, Commerce and Trade, Administration, Health, Education, and Community and Cultural Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 116 was issued on January 14, 1993 which further established and reorganized bureaus, divisions, offices and programs, together with their respective functions, duties and responsibilities within the various ministries; and

WHEREAS, Addenda to Executive Order No. 116 have been issued for the purpose of initiating or improving needed services to the public; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that, in order to ensure government efficiency and effective delivery of services to the general public by the Ministry of Resources and Development, its activities must be reorganized and/or new activities created;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order No. 98, which reorganized the Executive Branch of the national government, is hereby amended by this Seventh Addendum to Executive Order No. 116 in the following particulars with regard to the Ministry of Resources and Development.

Within the Ministry of Resources and Development the following changes.

1. Currently, two Bureaus, each headed by a Director, exist within the Ministry of Resources and Development: the Bureau of Natural Resources and Development; and the Bureau of Public Works. These will be amended to three Bureaus.

2. The Bureau of Natural Resources and Development consists of three Divisions: the Division of Agriculture and Mineral Resources; the Division of Marine Resources; and the Division of Conservation and Entomology. The Bureau and the Divisions remain same, with the addition of the Palau Mariculture Demonstration Center (PMDC) and the Palau Maritime Agency (PMA) under the Bureau. All employees of the former Maritime Authority shall maintain their employment status and will continue to carry out the functions, duties and responsibilities mandated by Division 1 of 27 PNC as amended by RPPL No.s 5-7 and 5-8.
3. The Bureau of Public Works, which currently consists of two Divisions- the Division of Public Utilities and the Division of Maintenance- [sic] will be divided into two Bureaus, each to be headed by a Director, each with three Divisions. This is the main area affected by this Addendum.
4. The two new Bureaus to be created will be the Bureau of Public Works and the Bureau of Public Utilities.
5. The Bureau of Public Works will contain three Divisions, each headed by a Chief. The three Divisions shall be the Division of Facilities Maintenance (responsible for building maintenance, appliance, refrigeration, air conditioning, electrical maintenance and plumbing maintenance); the Division of Support Services (responsible for roads and grounds maintenance, equipment maintenance, dump operation and maintenance, boat operation and maintenance, and outer states power operation and maintenance); and the Division of Design/Engineering (responsible for design & engineering and contract & construction).
6. The Bureau of Public Utilities will contain three Divisions, each headed by a Chief. The three Divisions shall be the Division of Water System (responsible for water treatment plant and pump stations, water distribution system, water meter reading and billing, and outer states water operations and maintenance); the Division of Sewer System (responsible for sewer treatment plant and lift stations, sewer collection system and house sewer connections; and the Division of EPA Funded Projects (responsible for rural sanitation project).

WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and affixed my official seal this 18th day of March, 1998, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau