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**SUBJECT :** Creation of an OPSI National Committee

The "Outreach Program for the Sugar Industry" (OPSI) was conceptualized when sugar was the only major product from sugarcane. With the passage of the biofuels, renewable energy and the sugarcane industry development laws, it is proper to change the nomenclature of OPSI into "Outreach Program for the Sugarcane Industry" as well as updating of the modules to cover the major mandates and programs under the three (3) landmark laws of the sugarcane industry for 2<sup>nd</sup> level participants. Aside from technological / regulatory updates and technical modules, OPSI is the best venue to apprise the industry players, specifically our farmers on updates of the SRA programs and projects.

On industry updates for the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of participants, the resource persons should be the focal persons or experts of the topics so that all questions raised can be answered thoroughly. With the current development of the sugarcane industry, OPSI trainings should be dynamic and should systematically address the information and technical needs of the industry. Hence, an OPSI National Committee will be created to have a unified approach in the trainings conducted especially the content and resource persons of the training.

The mobile OPSI training of Luzon & Mindanao Extension Services Division shall be converted into a station-based training to be conducted in LAREC, Pampanga. LAREC shall be designed as a training center for Luzon and Mindanao which shall be part of the duties and responsibilities of the National OPSI Committee on how to transform it into an OPSI training center. However, on a case



to case basis, OPSI teams for the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of participants can be deployed to the mill districts upon the request of the MDDC, the sugar mill or ethanol distillery and the planters organizations. The OPSI trainings for the 2<sup>nd</sup> level participants shall be charged with a uniform training fee approved by the Sugar Board just to cover the cost of venue, food and training materials.

In view of the aforementioned circumstances, the OPSI National Committee (OPSI-NC) is hereby created to be composed of the following officers / personnel:

- I. Chairperson – Deputy Administrator for R, D & E / OIC
- II. Vice-Chairperson – R, D & E Manager for Visayas (shall preside meetings in the absence of the Chairperson)
- III. Members
  - 1) R, D & E Department Manager for Luzon & Mindanao
  - 2) Department Manager of the Planning, Policy & Special Projects
  - 3) Chief Agriculturists / OICs of the Agricultural Extension Services Divisions
  - 4) Chief Agriculturists / OICs of LAREC and LGAREC
  - 5) Training Specialists of the Agricultural Extension Services Divisions
  - 6) Representative from the Office of the Administrator

The duties and responsibilities of the Officers and Members of the OPSI National Committee are as follows:

1. Review the existing OPSI modules for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> level participants and modify when necessary;
2. Define and distinguish between 1<sup>st</sup> level versus 2<sup>nd</sup> level OPSI participants;
3. Designate resource persons for each module to be issued with a Special Order by the Administrator;
4. Recommend to the Administrator the OPSI schedules and budgetary requirements;
5. Recommend action plans on how to transform LAREC and LGAREC into TESDA-accredited training centers;
6. Strive to eliminate the gap between extension and research units of SRA to truly disseminate the best technologies for the sugarcane industry;
7. Serve as the focal point in negotiating with TESDA on skills training for the industry and any training regulations and accreditations that SRA may link or undertake through TESDA.

The Chairperson of the OPSI-NC is given the authority to designate any staff of R, D & E to act as Secretariat of the Committee who shall arrange for meeting venues and food as well as budgetary requirements, prepare communications, requests and minutes of meetings.

This Order takes effect immediately and for immediate execution by concerned SRA officers and personnel.

