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8.1 Administrative and Program Authorities. The authorities of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs are delegated through the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs to the Deputy Assistant Secretary – Policy and Economic Development and the Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (Management), subject to the limitations contained in 200 DM 1:

A. All program management authority as appropriate and necessary to carry out the functions described in 110 DM 8.

B. All administrative authorities described below subject to any limitations contained in the original delegations:

- (1) Attendance at Meetings and Acceptance of Contributions, 205 DM 2.
- (2) Library Books and Subscriptions, 205 DM 5.3.
- (3) Long Distance Telephone Calls, 205 DM 5.4.
- (4) Certification of Time and Attendance Reports, 205 DM 6.2.
- (5) Travel Authorizations and Temporary Duty Travel Expenses, 205 DM 15.5.
- (6) Administrative Services, 205 DM 5.
- (7) Budget and Financial Administration, 205 DM 6.
- (8) Claims by the United States for Property or Money, 205 DM 7.
- (9) Personnel Management, 205 DM 8.
- (10) Real Property Management, 205 DM 10.
- (11) Procurement and Contracting, 205 DM 11.

(12) Disaster Assistance, 295 DM 1.

8.2 Additional Program Authority. The authorities described below are delegated to the following offices under the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs.

A. The Deputy Assistant Secretary - Policy and Economic Development is delegated authority to approve: 1) Self-Governance Compacts and Annual Funding Agreements negotiated under the Tribal Self-Governance Act (25 U.S.C. 458 aa, et seq.); 2) Tribal-State Compacts submitted under the terms of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.); 3) requests to take on reservation fee land into trust for the purposes of conducting gaming activities subject to the requirements of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.); 4) requests to lease on reservation land for gaming purposes; and 5) to issue determinations made under 25 U.S.C. 2719(b)(1)(A) that a gaming establishment on newly acquired on reservation trust lands would be in the best interest of the Indian tribe and its members, and would not be detrimental to the surrounding community.

B. The Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs (Management) is delegated authority to:

(1) Certify Reports under the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1955, as amended.

(2) In consultation with the Solicitor, cancel, compromise, or modify debts arising under the Indian Financing Act of 1974 as amended, 25 U.S.C. 1451 et seq. This authority may not be redelegated.

8.3 Limitation on Program Authorities. With respect to the management of tribal and individual Indian trust funds, authority is limited to that which is required to fulfill the responsibilities identified in 110 DM 8.

8.4 Authority to Redelegate. Except where redelegation is prohibited by statute, Executive order, or limitations established by other competent authority, including the limitations contained in this chapter, the general program authorities specifically related to the functions and responsibilities assigned may be redelegated.