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212 DM 33

33.1 Delegation of Authority. The Director, Appraisal and Valuation Services Office (AVSO) is authorized to exercise the authority of the Assistant Secretary – Policy, Management, and Budget (A/S – PMB) to carry out the following responsibilities of AVSO:

- A. Real property valuation functions and responsibilities described in 112 DM 33 and 602 DM 1.
- B. Mineral economic evaluation and mineral commodity valuation functions and responsibilities as described in 112 DM 33.
- C. Administration of Tribal appraisal programs operating under P.L. 93-638 Self Determination Contracts, Title 1, and Self Governance Compacts, Title IV.
- D. Contracting for appraisal and valuation services for the Department's Bureaus and Offices as described in 112 DM 33.
- E. Program and administrative authorities described in 212 DM 1, subject to the limitations in 200 DM 1.

33.2 Redelegation. The authorities in paragraph 33.1 may be further delegated within AVSO.

33.3 Review and Approval of Valuation Policy and Products.

- A. Principal Deputy Director. The Secretary's authority to approve real property appraisal and valuation policy and guidance for the Department is delegated to the A/S – PMB. This authority is further delegated to the Principal Deputy Director and may not be further delegated within AVSO.

B. The Chief Appraiser is delegated the authority to review and approve valuation products for the Department. All real property appraisals and appraisal reviews must be performed pursuant to the *Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice*, and, if appropriate for the assignment, the *Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions*, or other law or regulation as determined by the Chief Appraiser, AVSO.

(1) The Chief Appraiser may further delegate authority to review and approve real property valuation products including value opinions to AVSO appraisers who meet current requirements for review appraisers as determined by the Chief Appraiser.

(2) The Chief Appraiser may also delegate authority to qualified Bureau staff within the Department to prepare waiver valuations, where allowed by law or regulation, for their respective Bureaus. The delegated authority will be based on education and qualifications determined by the Chief Appraiser to be met by Bureau staff as well as input from the respective Deputy Director of the division that supports the Bureau.

C. The Deputy Director, Division of Minerals Evaluation (DME) is delegated the authority to review and approve mineral economic evaluation and mineral commodity valuation products for the Department.

(1) The Deputy Director, DME is delegated authority for final approval of mineral economic evaluation policy, mineral commodity valuation policy, and the standards by which valuation products are developed and reported.

(2) The Deputy Director may further delegate authority to review and approve mineral economic evaluation and mineral commodity valuation products to staff within the division that have sufficient knowledge and training as determined by the Deputy Director.

(3) The Deputy Director, in coordination with the Chief Appraiser, is delegated responsibility for assuring compliance of the work performed by DME staff with applicable law, regulation, and policy.

33.3 Limitations. Responsibilities in 602 DM 1 that are reserved to the Principal Deputy Director, Associate Deputy Director, and Chief Appraiser may not be delegated.