

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

ORDER NO. 3294

SIGNATURE DATE: January 6, 2010

Subject: Energy Management Reform

Sec. 1 Purpose. This Order establishes Department policy regarding reform of its energy management. It also establishes the Energy Reform Team within the Office of the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management (AS-LM). The creation of this Team complements Departmental energy and climate policy coordination goals set forth in Secretarial Order 3285 (Renewable Energy Development, March 11, 2009) and Secretarial Order 3289 (Addressing the Impacts of Climate Change, September 14, 2009).

Sec. 2 Background. The orderly, effective, and timely development of the Nation's energy resources – both conventional and renewable – is central to the Nation's energy security. Through its bureaus that work on energy development – the Minerals Management Service (MMS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) – the Department oversees a significant percentage of the Nation's oil, natural gas, and coal production, as well as onshore and offshore renewable resources including wind, solar, and geothermal energy.

Sec. 3 Authority. This Order is issued under the authority of Section 2 of the Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262), as amended.

Sec. 4 Policy. It is the policy of the Department to take affirmative steps to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability of its management of energy resources on Federal lands and the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). Coordinating, reforming, and planning energy development and oversight activities among the MMS, BLM, and OSM and other Federal agencies are necessary to ensure that we effectively carry out our statutory, regulatory, and ethical responsibilities; remain responsible stewards of the public resources that we manage; and obtain fair value for resources owned by the public.

Sec. 5 Establishment of the Energy Reform Team.

a. There is hereby established the Energy Reform Team within the Office of the AS-LM.

b. Working with the BLM, the MMS, and the OSM, as appropriate, the Energy Reform Team shall:

(1) facilitate and ensure appropriate coordination of onshore and offshore conventional and renewable energy planning, leasing, permitting, authorizing, inspection, enforcement, and revenue activities;

(2) oversee the identification, development and implementation of best practices and reforms that will improve the Department's energy operations in service to the American public;

(3) conduct planning and evaluate future energy development policies, strategies, and options for the BLM, MMS, and OSM designed to assist in meeting the Nation's energy needs; and

(4) perform related activities aimed at improving the efficiency, effectiveness and accountability of the Department's management of energy resources on Federal lands and the OCS.

Sec. 6 Implementation. The AS-LM is responsible for ensuring implementation of this Order, including any necessary delegation of authority and transfer of personnel, funds, property, and other resources.

Sec. 7 Effective Date. This Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until its provisions are converted to the Departmental Manual or until it is amended, superseded, or revoked, whichever comes first. The termination of this Order will not nullify implementation of the requirements, responsibilities, and organizational changes set forth herein.

/s/ Ken Salazar
Secretary of the Interior

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