

# DEPARTMENTAL MANUAL



## TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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### EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:

This Departmental Manual Release updates the authorities and policy for Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) activities (521 DM 1); responsibilities for Department of the Interior (DOI) officials who carry out NRDAR activities (521 DM 2); and it identifies designated officials who are authorized to sign documents related to NRDAR (521 DM 3). Significant changes to the chapters include:

521 DM 1 - Updating and clarifying DOI's policy for conducting the Natural Resource Damage Assessments; and updating the authorities.

521 DM 2 - Documenting establishment of an Assistant Secretaries Group to review and provide advice on NRDAR performance and policies; and updating the roles and responsibilities of the Director, Office of Restoration and Damage Assessment, and cooperating Bureaus/Offices, and agencies.

521 DM 3 - Updating and identifying designated officials with NRDAR responsibilities who are authorized to sign NRDAR documents (program level documents, Memorandums of Agreement, case specific documents, etc.).

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