

ORDER NO. 3200, Amendment No. 7

SIGNATURE DATE: January 31, 2003

Subject: Establishment of a Task Group to Close the Bureau of Mines

Sec. 1 **Purpose.** This Order further amends Secretary's Order 3200 and provides for management of the Minnesota Properties, funds transfer, and Closure Task Group dissolution as described below:

a. Management of Minnesota Properties. Secretary's Order 3200, as amended, established a Closure Task Group to carry out the orderly closure of the Bureau of Mines. The Closure Task Group has transferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service the management responsibility for the former Bureau of Mines properties located at 5629 Minnehaha Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55417 (AResearch Center@), and the former Nike Hercules Battery Site MS-40, 1462 260th Street, Farmington, Minnesota 55024 (collectively, the AMinnesota properties@). This transfer concludes the Closure Task Group's responsibilities.

b. Transfer of Funds. Under Section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950, 64 Stat. 1262, as amended, the Assistant Secretary - Water and Science and Assistant Secretary - Policy, Management and Budget shall ensure that remaining balances in the Bureau of Mines - Mines and Minerals appropriation, which are available for expenses incidental to closure of the Bureau of Mines, are transferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Resource Management appropriation. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall use those funds to meet environmental cleanup and health and safety expenses associated with the Minnesota properties.

c. Future Use of the Research Center. The National Park Service shall lead the public process to determine the disposition of the Research Center. This process should evaluate alternative uses for the site, including restoring the property to open space.

d. Closure Task Group Dissolution. The Closure Task Group, having achieved its purpose, is hereby dissolved. Any outstanding Bureau of Mines closure policy or program issues shall be addressed by the Assistant Secretary - Water and Science or the Assistant Secretary - Policy, Management and Budget, as appropriate.

Sec. 2 **Expiration Date.** This amendment to Secretary's Order 3200 is effective immediately. It will remain in effect until it is amended, revoked, superseded or incorporated into the Departmental Manual. In the absence of any of the foregoing actions, the provisions of this amended Order will terminate and be considered obsolete on June 30, 2004.

/s/ Gale A. Norton
Secretary of the Interior

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