

ORDER NO. 3204

SIGNATURE DATE: December 31, 1996

Subject: Authority to Redelegate

Sec. 1 **Purpose.** The purpose of this Order is to delegate to each Assistant Secretary the authority to redelegate authority for programs which cross functional lines or which are the responsibility of more than one Assistant Secretary. This Order supersedes limitations contained in the Departmental Manual, providing that Assistant Secretaries may redelegate program authorities specifically related to the functions and responsibilities assigned to them in the Departmental Manual.

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

Sec. 3 **Delegation.** Unless specifically prohibited by law, regulation, or other appropriate authority, each Assistant Secretary may redelegate to the bureaus and offices which report to them any authority delegated to that Assistant Secretary.

Sec. 4 **Limitations.**

A. Any such delegation must be published in Part 200 of the Departmental Manual and, therefore, the Office of the Assistant Secretary - Policy, Management and Budget must concur.

B. The Office of the Solicitor must concur in any such delegation.

C. If an authority being delegated includes functions or responsibilities assigned to an Assistant Secretary other than the Assistant Secretary making the delegation, the Office of the Assistant Secretary responsible for those functions must concur.

Sec. 5 **Effective Date.** This Order is effective immediately. It remains in effect until its provisions are converted to the Departmental Manual, or until it is amended, revoked or superseded, whichever occurs first. In the absence of one of the above actions, this Order will terminate two years after signature.

/s/ Bruce Babbitt

Secretary of the Interior

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