

ORDER NO. 3218

SIGNATURE DATE: October 25, 2000

Subject: Restructuring of the Office of Hearings and Appeals

Sec. 1 Purpose. This Order improves the efficiency of the operations of the Office of Hearings and Appeals (Office) by, among other things, modifying the structure of the Office and designating the position of Director as a career-reserved Senior Executive Service (SES) position.

Sec. 2 Authority. This Order is issued under the authority of Section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950, as amended (64 Stat. 1262), 5 U.S.C. App.

Sec. 3 Modifications to the Organizational Structure of the Office.

a. The position of Director will be converted from an SES-general to a career-reserved SES position as soon as approval is obtained from the Office of Personnel Management. The Director reports to the Assistant Secretary- Policy, Management and Budget, through the Deputy Assistant Secretary - Budget and Finance.

b. The position of Deputy Director of the Office is hereby redesignated the Principal Deputy Director.

c. The position of Deputy Director (Counselor to the Director) is hereby established. Under the supervision of the Director, and in consultation with the Principal Deputy Director, this position will be responsible for advising the Director on matters such as: long range strategic planning; the Office's responsibilities under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA), Pub. L. 103-62; the training needs of the Office; and such other matters as may be assigned by the Director.

d. The position of Chief Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) is hereby established. The Chief ALJ reports to the Director, and will be responsible for administering the judicial responsibilities of the ALJs of the Office.

Sec. 4 Effective Date. This Order is effective immediately. It will remain in effect until its provisions are converted to the Departmental Manual or until it is amended, superseded or revoked, whichever comes first. In the absence of the foregoing action, the provisions of this Order will terminate and be considered obsolete on October 31, 2001.

/s/ Bruce Babbitt
Secretary of the Interior

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