

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
Washington

ORDER NO. 3257

SIGNATURE DATE: October 6, 2004

Subject: Transfer of the Department's Freedom of Information Act Appeals Function

Sec. 1 **Purpose.** The purpose of this Order is to transfer the Department's Freedom of Information Act-Appeals (FOIA) functions from the Office of Chief Information Officer (OCIO) to the Office of the Solicitor.

Sec. 2 **Authority.** This Order is issued under the authority provided in the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, 43 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart D; and Section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262), as amended.

Sec. 3 **Organizational Changes.**

a. The Department's FOIA-Appeals Officer and the FOIA-Appeals functions and responsibilities are transferred from the OCIO to the Office of the Solicitor. The responsibilities and functions will remain the same.

b. The FOIA-Appeals Officer will report to the Associate Solicitor-Administration.

Sec. 4 **Implementation.** The Assistant Secretary - Policy, Management and Budget is responsible for implementing this Order, including the appropriate transfer of personnel, programs, records, property, and funds (including unexpended balances associated with the position of the FOIA Appeals Officer).

Sec. 5 **Expiration Date.** This Order is effective immediately. It will remain in effect until its provisions are converted to the Departmental Manual or until it is superceded or revoked, whichever comes first. In the absence of any of the foregoing actions, the provisions of this Order will terminate and be considered obsolete on February 28, 2006. The expiration of this Order shall not negate the transfer of this function.

/s/ Gale A. Norton
Secretary of the Interior

SO#3257 10/6/04