

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
Washington

ORDER NO. 3259

SIGNATURE DATE: February 8, 2005

Subject: Temporary Redlegation of Authority of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

Sec. 1 **Purpose.** The purpose of this Order is to temporarily redelegate all functions, duties, and responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs that are not required by statute or regulation to be performed only by the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs. It is intended to ensure uninterrupted management and execution of the duties of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs in the interim period before a successor assumes the duties of the position under governing laws and procedures.

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

Sec. 3 **Delegation.** The authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs in 209 DM 8, and any other applicable Departmental Manual chapters, is hereby redelegated to the Associate Deputy Secretary, except for those functions or duties that are required by statute or regulation to be performed only by the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs. Any functions or duties assigned by statute or regulation exclusively to the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs will be performed by me, in accordance with the Vacancies Reform Act, 5 U.S.C. ' ' 3345 - 3349d.

Sec. 4 **Revocation.** This Order supersedes and terminates Secretary=s Order No. 3252, which had expanded the authority of the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs.

Sec. 5 **Limitation.** Other than as noted in Section 4, this redelegation does not supersede existing delegations of authority to or from the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs to subordinate officials, except that such subordinate officials will report to and receive direction from the Associate Deputy Secretary for the duration of the term of this Order.

Sec. 6 **Expiration Date.** This Order is effective on February 13, 2005. It will remain in effect during the anticipated temporary Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs vacancy. It will automatically expire either upon the confirmation of a new Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs, or upon the designation of an Acting Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs in accordance with the Vacancies Reform Act. In the absence of the foregoing actions, it will terminate on August 15, 2005, unless extended, modified, or revoked.

/s/ Gale A. Norton  
Secretary of the Interior

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