

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
Washington

ORDER NO. 3272

SIGNATURE DATE: July 13, 2007

Subject: Temporary Redelegation of Authority of the Assistant Secretary - Water and Science

Sec. 1 **Purpose.** The purpose of this Order is to temporarily redelegate all functions, duties, and responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary - Water and Science that are not required by statute or regulation to be performed only by the Assistant Secretary - Water and Science. It is intended to ensure uninterrupted management and execution of the duties of the Assistant Secretary - Water and Science 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 - Water and Science in 209 DM 5 and 109 DM 5, as well as any other applicable Departmental Manual chapters, is hereby redelegated to the Assistant Deputy Secretary (Principal Aide to the Deputy Secretary), except for those functions or duties that are required by statute or regulation to be performed only by the Assistant Secretary - Water and Science. Any functions or duties assigned by statute or regulation exclusively to the Assistant Secretary - Water and Science will be performed by me, in accordance with the Vacancies Reform Act, 5 U.S.C. ' ' 3345 - 3349d.

Sec. 4 **Order of Succession.** The Designation of Successors for Presidentially-Appointed and Senate Confirmed Positions, signed on December 28, 2005, for positions in the Office of the Assistant Secretary - Water and Science, is hereby modified to specify that none of the positions identified therein shall be construed to be the position of "first assistant," as that term is used in the Vacancies Reform Act.

Sec. 5 **Limitation.** This redelegation does not supersede existing delegations of authority from the Assistant Secretary - Water and Science to subordinate officials, except that such subordinate officials will report to and receive direction from the Assistant Deputy Secretary (Principal Aide to the Deputy Secretary) for the duration of the term of this Order.

Sec. 6 **Expiration Date.** This Order is effective on July 13, 2007. It will automatically expire either upon the qualification of a new Assistant Secretary - Water and Science, or upon the designation of an Acting Assistant Secretary - Water and Science in accordance with the Vacancies Reform Act. In the absence of the foregoing actions, it will terminate on July 13, 2008, unless extended, modified, or revoked.

/s/ DIRK KEMPTHORNE
Secretary of the Interior

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