

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
DELEGATION ORDER NO. 0204-181
TO THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR NUCLEAR SECURITY

1. DELEGATION. Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Secretary of Energy (Secretary) and section 642 of the Department of Energy Organization Act, Public Law 95-91, 42 U.S.C. § 7252, there is hereby delegated to the Administrator for Nuclear Security (Administrator) for the National Nuclear Security Administration (Administration), the authority to perform the following functions on behalf of the National Nuclear Security Administration:
 - a. Enter into, approve, administer, modify, close-out, terminate and take such other actions as may be necessary and appropriate with respect to any financial assistance agreement, sales contract, or similar transaction, whether or not binding the Department of Energy (Department) to the obligation and expenditure of public funds. Such action shall include the rendering of approvals, determinations, and decisions, except those required by law or regulation to be made by other authority.
 - b. Take all necessary actions to acquire, by purchase, lease, or otherwise, real property interests; take necessary additional actions following the initiation of condemnation proceedings and the execution of declarations of taking; and exercise all authority of the Secretary regarding the management and disposal of Departmental real property, including the acceptance by donation of real property. This authority does not extend to initiation of condemnation proceedings or execution of declarations of taking.
 - c. Acquire, manage, and dispose of personal property held by the Department for official use by its employees or contractors.
 - d. Serve as deciding official for all appeals from an initial challenge decision under the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998, Commercial Activities Inventory Challenge Process.
 - e. Issue rules and regulations as appropriate to carry out the authorities in this delegation, and sign all documents and take such other action as may be necessary and appropriate for the submission for publication to the Federal Register where the authority to sign such documents has not otherwise been delegated to other officers of the Department.
 - f. Take such other action as the Secretary or his/her authorized delegate(s) may, from time to time, direct or authorize.

2. LIMITATIONS.

- a. The authorities delegated in this order are in addition to, and not in limitation of, any authorities delegated or responsibilities assigned to the Administrator by any other DOE delegation, written or oral, or by any Departmental Directive, regulation, or other issuance.
- b. In exercising the authority delegated by this order, or as redelegated pursuant thereto, the delegate shall be governed by the policies, rules and regulations of the Administrator and the policies and procedures prescribed by the Secretary.
- c. Nothing in this order shall preclude the Secretary from disapproving any Administration- specific policy or exercising any of the authority delegated by this order whenever in his or her judgement the exercise of such authority is necessary or appropriate to administer the functions vested in him or her.

3. AUTHORITY TO REDELEGATE. Except as expressly prohibited by law, regulation, or this order, the authorities delegated herein may be redelegated in whole or in part.

4. DURATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

- a. All actions pursuant to any authority delegated prior to this order or pursuant to any authority delegated by this order taken prior to, and in effect on, the date of this order are hereby confirmed and ratified, and shall remain in full force and effect as if taken under this order, unless or until rescinded, amended, or superseded.
- b. This order is effective September 27, 2000.

_____/s/_____
Bill Richardson
Secretary of Energy