

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
DELEGATION ORDER NO. 0204-137  
TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF CIVILIAN RADIOACTIVE  
WASTE MANAGEMENT

1. DELEGATION. Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Secretary of Energy, particularly the authority of section 642 of the Department of Energy (DOE) Organization Act (Pub. L. No. 95-91), section 7252, title 42, United States Code, there is hereby delegated to the Director, Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management of the Department of Energy the authority to transmit, on a semi-annual basis, site characterization progress reports for the Yucca Mountain site in the State of Nevada to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Governor and the legislature of the State of Nevada, and other interested parties including the United States Congress. The reports are required under section 113(b)(3) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, as amended (Pub. L. No. 97-425, as amended by Title V, Subtitle A, of Pub. L. No. 100-203).

Any such report, which is issued by the Director pursuant to this Order, must be submitted for concurrence by the General Counsel, the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, and the Under Secretary of the Department of Energy prior to its transmittal to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Governor and the legislature of the State of Nevada, Congress, and other interested parties.

2. REDELEGATION AND LIMITATION. The authority delegated to the Director by this Order may be further delegated, in whole or in part, to officials within the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.
3. RETENTION OF AUTHORITY. Nothing in this Order shall preclude the Secretary from exercising or further delegating any of the authorities hereby delegated, whenever, in his judgment, the exercise of such authority is necessary or appropriate to administer the functions vested in him.
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 hereby are confirmed and ratified. Such actions shall remain in full force and effect as if taken under this Order, unless or until rescinded, amended, or superseded.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 March 21, 1991.

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James D. Watkins  
Admiral, U.S. Navy (Retired)  
Secretary of Energy