and 202A of the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983.

- (2) Related to consumer advice. (i) Develop and implement USDA policy and procedural guidelines for carrying out the Department's Consumer Affairs Plan.
- (ii) Advise the Secretary and other policy level officials of the Department on consumer affairs policies and programs.

(iii) Coordinate USDA consumer affairs activities and monitor and analyze agency procedures and

performance.

(iv) Represent the Department at conferences, meetings and other contacts where consumer affairs issues are discussed, including liaison with the White House and other governmental agencies and departments.

(v) Work with the Office of Budget and Program Analysis and the Office of Communications to ensure coordination of USDA consumer affairs and public participation programs, policies and information, and to prevent duplication of responsibilities.

(vi) Serve as a consumer ombudsman and communication link between consumers and the Department.

(vii) Approve the designation of agency Consumer Affairs Contacts.

- (3) Related to human nutrition information. (i) Develop techniques and equipment to assist consumers in the home and in institutions in selecting food that supplies a nutritionally adequate diet.
- (ii) Develop family food plans at different costs for use as standards by families of different sizes, sex-age composition, and economic levels.
- (iii) Develop suitable and safe preparation and management procedures to retain nutritional and eating qualities of food served in homes and institutions.
- (iv) Develop materials to aid the public in meeting dietary needs, with emphasis on food selection for good nutrition and appropriate cost, and food preparation to avoid waste, maximize nutrient retention, minimize food safety hazards, and conserve energy.
- (v) Develop food plans for use in establishing food stamp benefit levels, and assess the nutritional impact of Federal food programs.

(vi) Coordinate nutrition education promotion and professional education projects within the Department.

(vii) Analyze data from food consumption surveys in coordination with the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics to provide a basis for evaluating dietary adequacy.

(viii) Consult with the Federal and State agencies, the Congress,

- universities, and other public and private organizations and the general public regarding household food consumption, individual intake, and dietary adequacy, and implications of the survey on public policy regarding food and nutrition policies (7 U.S.C. 3171–3175).
- (4) Related to committee management. Establish and reestablish regional, State, and local advisory committees for activities under his or her authority. This authority may not be redelegated.
- (5) Related to defense and emergency preparedness. Administer responsibilities and functions assigned under the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2061, et seq.), and title VI of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5195, et seq.), concerning food stamp assistance.

(b) The following authority is reserved to the Secretary of Agriculture:

- (1) Related to food and nutrition. Authority to appoint the members of the National Advisory Council on Maternal, Infant, and Fetal Nutrition as directed in section 17(k) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1786(k)).
 - (2) [Reserved]

§ 2.20 Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment.

- (a) The following delegations of authority are made by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment:
- (1) Related to environmental quality. (i) Administer the implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).
- (ii) Provide representation for USDA on the National Response Team on hazardous spills pursuant to Pub. L. 92–500 (33 U.S.C. 1151 note), and section 4 of Executive Order 11735, 3 CFR, 1971–1975 Comp., p. 793.
- (iii) Represent USDA in contacts with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Council on Environmental Quality, and other organizations or agencies on matters related to assigned responsibilities.
- (iv) Formulate and promulgate USDA policy relating to environmental activity and natural resources.
- (v) Provide staff support for the Secretary in the review of environmental impact statements.
- (vi) Provide leadership in USDA for general land use activities including implementation of Executive Order 11988, Flood Plain Management, 3 CFR, 1977 Comp., p. 117, and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, 3 CFR, 1977 Comp., p. 121.

- (2) Related to forestry. (i) Provide national leadership in forestry. (As used here and elsewhere in this section, the term "forestry" encompasses renewable and nonrenewable resources of forests, including lands governed by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, forest-related rangeland, grassland, brushland, woodland, and alpine areas including but not limited to recreation, range, timber, minerals, watershed, wildlife and fish; natural scenic, scientific, cultural, and historic values of forests and related lands; and derivative values such as economic strength and social well-being).
- (ii) Protect, manage, and administer the national forests, national forest purchase units, national grasslands, and other lands and interests in lands administered by the Forest Service, which collectively are designated as the National Forest System. This delegation covers the acquisition and disposition of lands and interests in lands as may be authorized for the protection, management, and administration of the National Forest System, including the authority to approve acquisition of land under the Weeks Act of March 1, 1911, as amended (16 U.S.C. 521), and special forest receipts acts, as follows: (Pub. L. 337, 74th Cong., 49 Stat. 866, as amended by Pub. L. 310, 78th Cong., 58 Stat. 227; Pub. L. 505, 75th Cong., 52 Stat. 347, as amended by Pub. L. 310, 78th Cong., 58 Stat. 227; Pub. L. 634 75th Cong., 52 Stat. 699, as amended by Pub. L. 310, 78th Cong., 58 Stat. 227; Pub. L. 748, 75th Cong., 52 Stat. 1205, as amended by Pub. L. 310, 78th Cong., 58 Stat. 227; Pub. L. 427, 76th Cong., 54 Stat. 46; Pub. L. 589, 76th Cong., 54 Stat. 297; Pub. L. 591, 76th Cong., 54 Stat. 299; Pub. L. 637, 76th Cong., 54 Stat. 402; Pub. L. 781, 84th Cong., 70 Stat. 632).
- (iii) As necessary for administrative purposes, divide into and designate as national forests any lands of 3,000 acres or more which are acquired under or subject to the Weeks Act of March 1, 1911, as amended, and which are contiguous to existing national forest boundaries established under the authority of the Weeks Act.
- (iv) Plan and administer wildlife and fish conservation rehabilitation and habitat management programs on National Forest System lands, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 670g, 670h, and 670o.
- (v) For the purposes of the National Forest System Drug Control Act of 1986 (16 U.S.C. 559b-f), specifically designate certain specially trained officers and employees of the Forest Service, not exceeding 500, to have authority in the performance of their