

109, Major Systems Acquisitions. This delegation includes the authority to:

(i) Insure that OMB Circular A-109 is effectively implemented in the Department and that the management objectives of the Circular are realized;

(ii) Review the program management of each major system acquisition;

(iii) Designate the program manager for each major system acquisition; and

(iv) Designate any Departmental acquisition as a major system acquisition under OMB Circular A-109.

(10) Pursuant to Executive Order 12352, 3 CFR, 1982 Comp., p. 137, and sections 16, 20(b), and 21 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act, as amended, 41 U.S.C. 414, 418(b) and 418, the Director, Office of Operations, is designated as the Senior Procurement Executive for the Department with responsibility for the following:

(i) Prescribing and publishing Departmental procurement policies, regulations, and procedures;

(ii) Taking any necessary actions consistent with policies, regulations, and procedures with respect to purchases, contracts, leases, and other transactions;

(iii) Designating contracting officers;

(iv) Establishing clear lines of contracting authority;

(v) Evaluating and monitoring the performance of the Department's procurement system;

(vi) Managing and enhancing career development of the procurement work force;

(vii) Participating in the development of Government-wide procurement policies, regulations, and standards and determining specific areas where Government-wide performance standards should be established and applied;

(viii) Determining areas of Department-unique standards and developing unique Department-wide standards;

(ix) Certifying to the Secretary that the procurement system meets approved standards;

(x) Prescribing standards for agency Procurement Executives and designating agency Procurement Executives when these standards are met;

(xi) Redelegating, as appropriate, the authority in paragraph (a)(10)(i) of this section to USDA agency Procurement Executives or other qualified agency officials with no power of further redelegation; and

(xii) Redelegating the authorities in paragraphs (a)(10) (ii), (iii), (iv), (vi), and (vii) of this section to USDA agency Procurement Executives or other qualified agency officials with the power of further redelegation.

(11) Promulgate Departmental policies, standards, techniques, and procedures and represent the Department in maintaining the security of physical facilities, self-protection, and warden services.

(12) With respect to land and facilities under his or her authority, exercise the functions delegated to the Secretary by Executive Order 12580, 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 193, under the following provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 ("the Act"), as amended:

(i) Sections 104(a), (b), and (c)(4) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604(a), (b), and (c)(4)), with respect to removal and remedial actions in the event of release or threatened release of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant into the environment;

(ii) Sections 104(e)-(h) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604(e)-(h)), with respect to information gathering and access requests and orders; compliance with Federal health and safety standards and wage and labor standards applicable to covered work; and emergency procurement powers;

(iii) Section 104(i)(11) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(11)), with respect to the reduction of exposure to significant risk to human health;

(iv) Section 104(j) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9604(j)), with respect to the acquisition of real property and interests in real property required to conduct a remedial action;

(v) The first two sentences of section 105(d) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9605(d)), with respect to petitions for preliminary assessment of a release or threatened release;

(vi) Section 105(f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9605(f)), with respect to consideration of the availability of qualified minority firms in awarding contracts, but excluding that portion of section 105(f) pertaining to the annual report to Congress;

(vii) Section 109 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9609), with respect to the assessment of civil penalties for violations of section 122 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9622), and the granting of awards to individuals providing information;

(viii) Section 111(f) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9611(f)), with respect to the designation of officials who may obligate money in the Hazardous Substances Superfund;

(ix) Section 113(k) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9613(k)), with respect to establishing an administrative record upon which to base the selection of a response action and identifying and notifying potentially responsible parties;

(x) Section 116(a) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9616(a)), with respect to preliminary assessment and site inspection of facilities;

(xi) Sections 117(a) and (c) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9617(a) and (c)), with respect to public participation in the preparation of any plan for remedial action and explanation of variances from the final remedial action plan for any remedial action or enforcement action, including any settlement or consent decree entered into;

(xii) Section 119 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9619), with respect to indemnifying response action contractors;

(xiii) Section 121 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9621), with respect to cleanup standards; and

(xiv) Section 122 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9622), with respect to settlements, but excluding section 122(b)(1) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 9622(b)(1)), related to mixed funding agreements.

(13) With respect to facilities and activities under his or her authority, to exercise the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to section 1-102 related to compliance with applicable pollution control standards and section 1-601 of Executive Order 12088, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 243, to enter into an inter-agency agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, or an administrative consent order or a consent judgment in an appropriate State, interstate, or local agency, containing a plan and schedule to achieve and maintain compliance with applicable pollution control standards established pursuant to the following:

(i) Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as further amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments, and the Federal Facility Compliance Act (42 U.S.C. 6901, *et seq.*);

(ii) Federal Water Pollution Prevention and Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251, *et seq.*);

(iii) Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 300f, *et seq.*);

(iv) Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7401, *et seq.*);

(v) Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4901, *et seq.*);

(vi) Toxic Substances Control Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2601, *et seq.*);

(vii) Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 136, *et seq.*); and

(viii) Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. 9601, *et seq.*).