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MEMORANDUM

To: Director, Bureau of Land Management  
Director, Minerals Management Service  
Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

From: Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management

Subject: Delegation of Authority and Responsibility for  
Federal Register Notices

*Rebecca W. Watson*

I have received the attached memorandum to Regulatory Contacts dated June 19, 2002, from the Acting Director, Executive Secretariat and Regulatory Affairs. That memorandum delegates oversight responsibility for the Federal Register notices listed in it to the program Assistant Secretaries.

I assume that the Acting Director is speaking on behalf of the Secretary's Chief of Staff; therefore, with this memorandum, I am delegating to you the responsibility delegated to me for the documents listed by the Acting Director. I expect that you will institute appropriate procedures to ensure that all Federal Register notices in the categories listed in the Acting Director's memorandum comply with administration policies and Departmental goals and objectives and are coordinated with other affected Department bureaus. I expect that you will delegate signature authority and the responsibilities described above to the appropriate levels within your bureau.

Please ensure that your staff understand that this delegation is for the listed documents only. Until further notice, all other Federal Register documents will be reviewed under the current protocol.

Attachment