DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4837–D–33]

Delegation of Authority To Affix Department Seal and Authenticate Documents

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HUD.

ACTION: Delegation of authority.

SUMMARY: This delegation of authority revises and updates the designation of Department officials and staff designated to affix the Department’s seal and authenticate copies of documents.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 2, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shari Weaver, Managing Attorney, Office of Litigation, Office of General Counsel, Room 10258, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410–0500; telephone (202) 708–0300. (This is not a toll-free number.) For those needing assistance, this number may be accessed through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service number at 1–800–877–8339.

Section A. Authority Delegated

Each of the following HUD employees is designated as an Attesting Officer and is authorized to cause the seal of the Department of Housing and Urban Development to be affixed to such documents as may require its application and to certify that a copy of any book, paper, microfilm, or other document is a true copy of that in the files of the Department:

1. Each Assistant Secretary;
2. President, Government National Mortgage Association;
3. Inspector General;
4. General Counsel;
5. Chief Financial Officer;
6. The Director of each Headquarters Office;
7. Each Deputy Assistant Secretary;
8. Each Regional Director;
9. Each Field Office Director;
10. Each Deputy General Counsel;
11. Each Associate General Counsel;
12. Each Assistant General Counsel;
13. Each Regional Counsel;
14. Each Chief Counsel; and
15. The Docket Clerks, in the Office of General Counsel.

Section B. Authority Revoked

This delegation revokes and supersedes the delegation of authority published on October 23, 1995 (60 FR 54380).

Authority: Sections 7(d) and (g), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d) and (g)).


Mel Martinez,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT


Delegation of Authority to the President of the Government National Mortgage Association

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of delegation of authority.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of HUD is delegating to the President, Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), all authority of the Secretary with respect to management of Ginnie Mae and Ginnie Mae’s programs, pursuant to Title III of the National Housing Act.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Owens, Government National Mortgage Association, Room 6286, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410–9000; telephone (202) 708–2648 (this is not a toll-free number). Speech- or hearing-impaired individuals may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary is in the process of updating delegations issued to officials within the Department, including the President of Ginnie Mae, which is a wholly-owned government corporation within the Department, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 3534(b). In this delegation of authority, the Secretary delegates to the President of Ginnie Mae all authority of the Secretary with respect to management of Ginnie Mae and Ginnie Mae’s programs, pursuant to Title III of the National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. 1716 et seq. In this document the Secretary retains authority under this statute and also delegates this authority to the President of Ginnie Mae.

Accordingly, the Secretary delegates authority as follows:

Section A. Authority Delegated

The President of Ginnie Mae is delegated the authority of the Secretary with respect to management of Ginnie Mae and Ginnie Mae’s programs, pursuant to Title III of the National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. 1716 et seq.

Section B. Authority To Redelegate

The authority delegated in this document may be redelegated by the President of Ginnie Mae in writing to officials in Ginnie Mae except the authority to issue and waive regulations.

Section C. Authority Excepted

The authority delegated in this document does not include the authority to sue and be sued.

Authority: Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C. 3535(d).


Mel Martinez,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Receipt of Applications for Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications for permit.

SUMMARY: The public is invited to comment on the following application to conduct certain activities with endangered species and/or marine mammals.

DATES: Written data, comments or requests must be received by August 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax(703) 358–2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone (703) 358–2104.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete application or requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted to the Director (address above). Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.


The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (Ursus maritimus) sport hunted from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal use.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has information collection approval from OMB through March 31, 2004, OMB Control Number 1018–0093. Federal agencies may not conduct or sponsor a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number.


Monica Farris,
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Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of the Final Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Lone Mountain Processing, Inc. Coal Slurry Spill Natural Resource Damage Assessment in Lee County, VA

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), on behalf of the Department of the Interior (DOI), announces the release of the Final Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment (RP/EA) for the Lone Mountain Processing, Inc. (LMPI) Coal Slurry Spill Natural Resource Damage Assessment in Lee County, Virginia. The RP/EA describes the trustee’s plan to restore natural resources injured as a result of a release of hazardous substances.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the Final RP/EA may be made to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia Field Office, 6669 Short Lane, Gloucester, Virginia 23061.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Schmerfeld, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 6669 Short Lane, Gloucester, Virginia 23061. Interested parties may also call 804–693–6694, extension 107, for further information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 24, 1996, a failure in a coal slurry impoundment associated with a coal processing plant owned by LMPI in Lee County, Virginia, resulted in the release of six million gallons of coal slurry to the Powell River watershed. The spill occurred when subsidence in the coal slurry impoundment caused the coal slurry to enter a system of abandoned underground coal mines. The coal slurry exited through a mine-works surface portal at Gin Creek, causing the release of the coal slurry into a series of tributaries to the Powell River. “Blackwater,” a mix of water, coal fines, and clay, and associated contaminants, extended far downstream. The coal slurry spill impacted fish, endangered freshwater mussels, other benthic organisms, supporting aquatic habitat, and designated critical habitat for two federally listed fish. Federally listed bats and migratory birds may have also been affected acutely due to a loss of a food supply, and chronically due to possible accumulation of contaminants through the food chain.

A Consent Decree (CD) was entered with the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia, Big Stone Gap Division by the United States and LMPI on March 5, 2001, to address natural resource damages resulting from the 1996 release. The CD required that LMPI pay $2,450,000 to the DOI Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Fund. The CD stipulates that these funds are to be utilized for reimbursement of past natural resource damage assessment costs, and restoration, replacement or acquisition of endangered and threatened fishes and mussels located in the Powell River and its watershed, or restoration, replacement or acquisition of their habitats or ecosystems which support them, or for restoration planning, implementation, oversight and monitoring.

Section 111(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) requires natural resource trustees to develop a restoration plan prior to allocating recoveries to implement restoration actions, and to obtain public comment on that plan. Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Federal agencies must identify and evaluate environmental impacts that may result from Federal actions. A Notice of Availability of the Draft RP/EA was published in the Federal Register on February 15, 2003, and a 30-day public comment period ended on March 15, 2003. Public comments were received and are addressed in the Final RP/EA. The Final RP/EA integrates CERCLA and NEPA requirements by summarizing the affected environment, describing the purpose and need for action, and selecting and describing the preferred restoration alternative.

Interested members of the public are invited to review the Final RP/EA. Copies of the Final RP/EA are available at the Service’s Virginia Field Office in Gloucester, Virginia and at the Service’s Southwestern Virginia Field Office located at 330 Cummings Street, Suite A, Abingdon, Virginia 24210.

Author: The primary author of this notice is John Schmerfeld, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia Field Office, 6669 Short Lane, Gloucester, Virginia 23061.

Authority: The authority for this action is the CERCLA of 1980 as amended, commonly known as Superfund (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.), and the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations found at 43 CFR, part 11.


Richard O. Bennett,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management


Notice of Meeting, Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Front Range Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.