

**AMENDMENT TO A
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE MANUAL CHAPTER**

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<p>Purpose: This amendment is necessary to comply with Executive Order (EO) 14303, Restoring Gold Standard Science. EO 14303, Section 5 requires agencies to be governed by the scientific integrity policies that existed within the executive branch on January 19, 2021, except that in the event of a conflict between such policies and the policies and requirements of the EO, the policies and requirements of the EO control. As a result, the Department has reverted to the 2014 version of the scientific integrity policy, and the scientific integrity statement that should be included in statements of work for applicable acquisitions has reverted to the language in the Department's 2014 Scientific Integrity Procedures Handbook, Appendix F.</p> <p>The scientific integrity statement in Service Manual chapter 212 FW 7, section 7.8, is outdated. This amendment will update section 7.8 to refer readers to the Department's Scientific Integrity Procedures Handbook, where they can access the current statement. This approach allows readers to access the source reference material and for the hyperlink in Service policy to remain current regardless of whether the Department republishes the handbook at a date in the future. We are also making two other minor edits as outlined below.</p>

Action:

Edit section 7.8 to:

- 1) Remove the word "our" in re: "...our employees must..." since this chapter is an internal Service policy but the employees reading it could be Departmental acquisition/contracting employees, due to the consolidation of those functions into the Department;
- 2) Delete the outdated scientific integrity statement indicated for inclusion in statements of work when appropriate;
- 3) Refer readers to the scientific integrity statement located in Appendix F of the DOI Scientific Integrity Procedures Handbook and hyperlink the citation to the Department's handbooks website; and
- 4) Add a sentence to inform readers that the DOI Scientific Integrity Procedures Handbook supplements 305 DM 3 and hyperlink the citation to the Departmental Manuals website where 305 DM 3 can be accessed.

These edits will change section 7.8 from this:

7.8 What must employees do to ensure contractors, partners, permittees, and others comply with our requirements for scientific integrity? When appropriate, our employees must include in the statement of work for contractors, cooperators, partners, permittees, lessees, and grantees the following condition:

“The contractor [or other entity] must ensure quality services. Service must consist of unbiased assessments through proper management and enforcement of scientific integrity standards, which includes avoiding conflicts of interest.”

To this:

7.8 What must employees do to ensure contractors, partners, permittees, and others comply with our requirements for scientific integrity? When appropriate, employees must include the Department’s scientific integrity statement (see the [Department’s Scientific Integrity Procedures Handbook, Appendix F](#)) in the statement of work for contractors, cooperators, partners, permittees, lessees, and grantees. The Department’s Scientific Integrity Procedures Handbook supplements the requirements of [305 DM 3](#).

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