

management systems. (i) Take action pursuant to Executive Order 12088, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 243, to comply with environmental pollution control laws with respect to facilities and activities under his or her authority, including, but not limited to, entering into inter-agency agreements, administrative consent orders, consent judgments, or other agreements with the appropriate Federal, State, interstate, or local agencies to achieve and maintain compliance with applicable pollution control standards.

(ii) Provide program leadership and oversight for USDA compliance with applicable pollution control laws and executive orders, including Executive Order 13148, Greening of the Government Through Leadership in Environmental Management.

(iii) Provide program leadership and coordination for USDA's energy conservation and energy efficiency activities, and serve as USDA's principal Energy Conservation Officer, pursuant to Executive Order 13123, Greening of the Government Through Efficient Energy Management.

(iv) Promulgate policies, standards, techniques, and procedures, and represent the Department, in prevention, control, and abatement of pollution with respect to Federal facilities and activities under the control of the Department (Executive Order 12088, 3 CFR, 1978 Comp., p. 243).

(v) Review and approve exemptions for USDA contracts, subcontracts, grants, agreements, and loans from the requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7401, *et seq.*), the Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251, *et seq.*), and Executive Order 11738, 3 CFR, 1971–1975 Comp., p. 799, when he or she determines that the paramount interest of the United States so requires as provided in these acts and Executive Order and the regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency (40 CFR 32.215(b)).

(vi) Coordinate USDA waste prevention, recycling, and procurement, acquisition and use of recycled products and environmentally preferable products, including biobased products, and services, and serve as a USDA Environmental Executive, pursuant to Executive Order 13101.

(vii) Serve on the USDA Hazardous Materials Policy Council.

(viii) Represent USDA in consulting or working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Council on Environmental Quality, the Domestic Policy Council, and others to develop policies relating to hazardous materials management and Federal facilities

compliance with applicable pollution control laws.

(ix) Monitor, review, evaluate, and oversee hazardous materials management program activities and compliance Department-wide.

(x) Monitor, review, evaluate, and oversee USDA agency expenditures for hazardous materials management program accomplishments.

(xi) Prepare for the USDA Hazardous Materials Policy Council the Hazardous Materials Management Program budget request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Congress, prepare accomplishment reports to Congress, OMB, and EPA, and take a lead role in the preparation of replies to Congressional inquiries.

(xii) Represent USDA on the National Response Team on hazardous spills and oil spills pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (42 U.S.C. 9601, *et seq.*); the Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251, *et seq.*); Oil Pollution Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 2701, *et seq.*); Executive Order 12580, 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 193; Executive Order 12777, 3 CFR, 1991 Comp., p. 351, and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan, 40 CFR Part 300.

(xiii) Approve disbursements from the New World Mine Response and Restoration Account, approve the New World Mine Response and Restoration Plan, and make quarterly reports to Congress under Sections 502(d) and (f) of Title V of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 1998, Public Law 105–83.

(xiv) Ensure that the Hazardous Materials Management Program Department-wide is accomplished with regard to, and in compliance with, Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations.

(xv) Take such action as may be necessary, with the affected agency head and with the concurrence of the General Counsel, including issuance of administrative orders and agreements with any person to perform any response action under sections 106(a) and 122 (except subsection (b)(1)) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (42 U.S.C. 9606(a), 9622), pursuant to sections 4(c)(3) and 4(d)(3) of Executive Order 12580, as amended by Executive Order 13016.

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(17) *Related to budget and finance.* Exercise general financial and budget authority over all organizations assigned to the Assistant Secretary for Administration.

(18) *Related to historic preservation.* Administer the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*, Executive Order 11593, 3 CFR, 1971–1975 Comp., p. 559, and regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic preservation, 36 CFR part 800, for the Department of Agriculture with authority to name the Secretary's designee to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

(19) *Related to interactions with American Indians.* Serve as the official with the principal responsibility for the implementation of Executive order 13175, including consultation and collaboration with tribal officials, and coordinate the Department's programs involving assistance to American Indians and Alaska Natives.

(20) *Relating to personnel security and the safeguarding of national security information:*

(i) Direct and administer USDA's personnel security and public trust programs established pursuant to Executive Order 12968, Access to Classified Information (3 CFR 1995 Comp. pp 391–402) and 5 CFR 731.

(ii) Manage the personnel security functions of the Department including programs for eligibility access determinations, obtaining security clearances for USDA employees, denial or revocation of access to national security information, and developing and promulgating policies and training.

(iii) Direct and administer USDA's program under which information is safeguarded pursuant to Executive Order 12958, Classified National Security Information.

(iv) Establish Information Security (INFOSEC) policies and procedures for classifying, declassifying, safeguarding, and disposing of classified national security information and materials.

(v) Establish procedures under which authorized holders of information may challenge the classification of information believed to be improperly classified or unclassified.

(vi) Take corrective action for violations or infractions under section 5.7, par. (b), of Executive Order 12958.

(vii) Develop and maintain a secure facility for the receipt and safeguarding of classified material.

(viii) Coordinate security activities with the Chief Information Officer who