

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
DELEGATION ORDER NO. 00-015.03
TO THE DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL
FOR ENVIRONMENT AND NUCLEAR
PROGRAMS

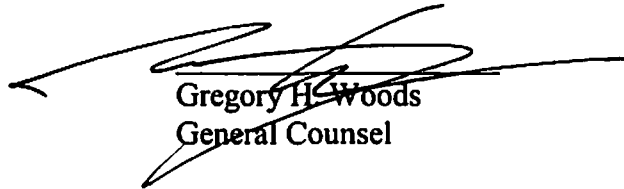
1. **DELEGATION.** Pursuant to the authority vested in me as the General Counsel of the United States Department of Energy (DOE), and subject to the provisions set forth below, I hereby delegate to the Deputy General Counsel for Environment and Nuclear Programs the authority to:
 - 1.1 Issue legal interpretations pursuant to 10 CFR Part 820, Subpart D, Procedural Rules for DOE Nuclear Activities, Interpretations, including interpretations of the Act, Nuclear Statutes, and DOE Nuclear Safety Requirements, as such terms are defined in 10 CFR § 820.2. All such interpretations issued must be filed with the Office of the Docketing Clerk.
 - 1.2 Grant a petition for generally applicable rulemaking, or deny a rulemaking petition, pursuant to 10 CFR § 851.6, *Worker Safety and Health Program, Petitions for generally applicable rulemaking.*
 - 1.3 Issue a binding interpretive ruling, or deny a request for a binding interpretive ruling, pursuant to 10 CFR § 851.7, *Worker Safety and Health Program, Requests for a binding interpretive ruling.*
 - 1.4. Issue a legal opinion or interpretation regarding provisions of 10 CFR Part 820, *Procedural Rules for DOE Nuclear Activities*; 10 CFR Part 850, *Chronic Beryllium Disease Prevention Program*; and 10 CFR Part 851, *Worker Safety and Health Program*, pursuant to the inherent authority of the General Counsel.
2. **RESCISSION.** None.
3. **LIMITATION.**
 - 3.1 In exercising the authority delegated in this Order, a delegate shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the Department of Energy and the policies and procedures prescribed by the Secretary or delegates(s).
 - 3.2 Nothing in this Order precludes the Secretary or the General Counsel from exercising any of the authority delegated by this Order.
 - 3.3 Nothing in this Order shall be construed to supersede or otherwise interfere with the authorities provided to the Administrator for Nuclear Security by law or by delegation. Furthermore, nothing herein constitutes authority to exercise authority, direction, or control of an employee of the National Nuclear Security Administration or its contractors.

4. AUTHORITY TO REDELEGATE.

- 4.1 Except as expressly prohibited by law, regulation, or this Order, the Deputy General Counsel for Environment and Nuclear Programs may delegate this authority further, in whole or in part.
- 4.2 Copies of redelegations and any subsequent redelegations shall be provided to the Office of Management, which manages the Secretarial Delegations of Authority system.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

- 5.1 All actions pursuant to any authority delegated prior to this Order or pursuant to any authority delegated by this Order taken prior to and in effect on the date of this Order are ratified and remain in force as if taken under this Order, unless or until rescinded, amended or superseded.
- 5.2 This Order is effective August 15, 2012.


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General Counsel