

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
DELEGATION ORDER NO. 0204-153
TO HEADS OF DEPARTMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AND FIELD ELEMENTS

1. DELEGATION. Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Secretary of Energy (“Secretary”), by section 642 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (P. L. 95-91), there is hereby delegated to the Heads of Departmental Headquarters and Field Elements the authority to establish, alter, consolidate or discontinue such organizational units or components within their assigned organizational element as she/he may deem to be necessary or appropriate. [Public Law 95-91, section 643.]
2. RESCISSION. Delegation Order No. 0204-98145, Paragraph 71g.
3. LIMITATION.
 - a. In exercising the authorities delegated by this Order or as redelegated pursuant thereto, the delegate(s) shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the DOE and the policies and procedures prescribed by the Secretary and his or her delegates.
 - b. Nothing in this Order shall preclude the Secretary from exercising any of the authorities so delegated whenever in his or her judgement exercise of such authority is necessary or appropriated.
 - c. The authorities delegated by this order do not include approval of addition, deletion, or transfer of mission and functions of or between Departmental Headquarters or Field Elements, which authority is reserved to the Secretary.
 - d. In exercising the authorities delegated by this Order or as redelegated pursuant thereto, the delegate(s) will be limited by approved budgets, staffing level allocations, and Senior Executive Service and other executive resource position allocations.
4. AUTHORITY TO REDELEGATE. The authority delegated to the Heads of Departmental Headquarters or Field Elements may be, in part, further delegated, consistent with the terms of the Department of Energy Organization Act, to an official(s) one level below the Head of the Departmental Headquarters or Field element. The authority to establish or discontinue organizational elements at the first or second level below the Head of the Headquarters or Field element may not be redelegated.
5. DURATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.
 - a. 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 hereby confirmed and ratified, and shall remain in full force and effect as if taken under this Order, unless or until rescinded, amended, or superseded.

- b. Organization changes shall not be announced or implemented until appropriate union coordination and other pre-release clearances have been obtained.
- c. This Order is effective December 7, 1995.

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Hazel R. O'Leary
Secretary of Energy