

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
DELEGATION ORDER NO. 0204-179  
TO THE ADMINISTRATOR OF  
THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

1. DELEGATION. Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Secretary of Energy ("Secretary") and Section 642 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (Public Law 95-91), there is hereby delegated to the Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), the authority to:
  - a. Exercise the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary for authorizing and approving travel following established policies and procedures with respect to employee travel and relocation allowances under 5 U.S.C., chapter 57, and the Federal Travel Regulation in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Department as prescribed by the Secretary.
  - b. Certify vouchers and provide written authorization to NNSA employees to certify vouchers as provided in 31 U.S.C. 3325 in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Department as prescribed by the Secretary.
  - c. Carry out the responsibilities assigned to the Secretary with regard to the exchange of funds between the NNSA and the States (31 U.S.C. 6503) and written authorization to DOE employees to provide the timely disbursement of funds (31 U.S.C. 3335) in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Department as prescribed by the Secretary.
  - d. In accordance with 31 U.S.C. 3527 and the GAO Policies and Procedures Manual for the Guidance of Federal Agencies, recommend or grant relief from accountability for losses or deficiencies of disbursing officers, cashiers, or other accountable officers in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Department as prescribed by the Secretary.
  - e. Process the payment of settled claims by employees for personal property losses as provided by 31 U.S.C. 3721 in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Department as prescribed by the Secretary.
  - f. Carry out the responsibilities assigned to the Secretary with respect to prompt payments as provided in 31 U.S.C., chapter 39, in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Department as prescribed by the Secretary.
  - g. Exercise the responsibilities assigned to the Secretary in 31 U.S.C. 3332(b)(1) with respect to the granting of waivers of the requirement to receive wage and salary payments electronically in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Department as prescribed by the Secretary.

- h. Exercise the responsibilities assigned to the Secretary in 31 U.S.C. 3332(f)(2) with respect to the granting of waivers of the requirement to make all recipient payments electronically in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Department as prescribed by the Secretary.

2. LIMITATIONS.

- a. In exercising the authority delegated for budget formulation, guidance, execution, and other financial matters, the delegate shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the Department of Energy.
- b. Nothing in this order shall preclude the Secretary from exercising any of the authority so delegated herein whenever in his or her judgment his or her exercise of such authority is necessary or appropriate to administer the functions vested in him or her.

3. AUTHORITY TO REDELEGATE.

The authority hereby delegated to the Administrator, NNSA, may be delegated further, in whole or in part, as the Administrator, NNSA, may determine to be appropriate in accordance with Departmental policy.

4. DURATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

This order is effective March 1, 2000, and shall remain in full force and effect unless or until rescinded, amended, or superseded.

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/s/  
Bill Richardson  
Secretary of Energy