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## MEMORANDUM

To: Tina Kreisher  
Director of Communications

From: Assistant Secretary *PJS*  
Policy, Management and Budget

Subject: Waiver for Apple Computer Products

Through a procedural error, the communications office was given a waiver directly by the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management, and Budget (AS/PMB) regarding Apple computer products. All waivers to the Department of the Interior (DOI) Technical Reference Model (TRM) must receive final approvals by the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO). Hence, the waiver signed by AS-PMB on May 21, 2004, is null and void. Apple products are "contained" in the current version of the TRM dated October 15, 2003, meaning these products should only be acquired if suitable preferred products are not available. Plans to move from contained to preferred products should occur as soon as practical. Based on OCIO research, there are robust multi-media and desktop publishing software that run on Windows-based operating systems and Intel desktops.

A primary principle in the development of the TRM is to reduce the total cost of ownership of DOI's infrastructure by minimizing the number of duplicative technology products while meeting our business requirements. Costs associated with training, help-desk support, security (e.g., virus protection and patch management of multiple operating systems/software), licensing, etc., typically far exceed the cost of the hardware/software procured. As a result, OCIO will approve your waiver request only with the following stipulations added:

1. All associated life cycle costs are funded by the DOI graphics department.
2. Macintosh products must operate in a stand-alone mode and may not be connected to the DOI local area network.
3. Help desk support will not be provided for Macintosh products.
4. A full accounting of all Macintosh products slated for procurement must be provided to the OCIO prior to acquisition immediately and annually hereafter.
5. The waiver only applies to the DOI graphics department employees.

Non standard infrastructure will be disconnected from the Department's internet by December 31, 2004.

In the future, please submit your technical requests or questions to the DOI Chief Information Officer, W. Hord Tipton. He can be contacted at (202) 208-6194 or via e-mail at [Hord\\_Tipton@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Hord_Tipton@ios.doi.gov).