

Reclamation Manual

Directives and Standards

Subject:	Correspondence Management
Purpose:	This Directive and Standard provides requirements for the preparation of correspondence throughout the Bureau of Reclamation. The benefits of this Directive and Standard are improvements in quality and timeliness of official correspondence prepared for Department of the Interior or Reclamation signature.
Authority:	41 CFR 201-9.103h; 382 DM 3, Correspondence Management; 382 DM 5, Secretarial Correspondence Handbook
Approving Official:	Director, Chief Information Office
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1. Preparation of Correspondence.

- A. Formal correspondence is defined as written communications conducting official government business and requiring the signature of a responsible agency official. Formal correspondence includes letters, memoranda, and facsimiles requiring the retention of an Official File Copy which is subject to records disposition regulations.
- B. Requirements for preparing formal correspondence are available in the Bureau of Reclamation Correspondence Handbook which can be accessed by employees through Reclamation's Intranet web site for the Information Management Division. Appropriate Departmental directives or supplemental instructions shall be used when preparing correspondence for the signature of the Secretary and Assistant Secretaries of the Department.