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, Information Resources Office

Contact: Information Management Division, 84-21300

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 Guide, 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.

Reclamation Manual Transmittal Sheet Effective Date: _____ Release No. Please ensure that all employees who need this information are forwarded a copy of this release. Reclamation Manual Release Number and Subject **Summary of Changes** Filing Instructions Remove Sheets Insert Sheets

All Reclamation Manual releases are available at http://www.usbr.gov/recman/.