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Subpart A—Opinions in Adjudication of Cases, Administrative Manuals

§ 2.1 Purpose and scope.

This subpart contains the regulations of the Department of the Interior concerning the availability to the public of opinions issued in the adjudication of cases and of administrative manuals. Persons interested in obtaining access to other records are directed to the procedures for submission of Freedom of Information requests set out in subpart B of this part.

§ 2.2 Opinions in adjudication of cases.

(a)(1) Copies of final decisions and orders issued on and after July 1, 1970, in the following categories of cases are available for inspection and copying in the Office of Hearings and Appeals, 801 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Va. 22203:

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(i) Contract appeals;

(ii) Appeals from decisions rendered by departmental officials relating to the use and disposition of public lands and their resources and the use and disposition of mineral resources in certain acquired lands of the United States and in the submerged lands of the Outer Continental Shelf;

(iii) Appeals from orders and decisions issued by departmental officials and administrative law judges in proceedings relating to mine health and safety; and

(iv) Appeals from orders and decisions of administrative law judges in Indian probate matters other than those involving estates of Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes and Osage Indians.

(2) Copies of final opinions and orders issued in the following categories of cases are available for inspection and copying in the Docket and Records Section, Office of the Solicitor, Interior Building, Washington, DC 20240:

(i) Tort claims decided in the headquarters office of the Office of the Solicitor, and appeals from decisions of Regional Solicitors or Field Solicitors on tort claims;

(ii) Irrigation claims under Public Works Appropriation Acts (e.g., 79 Stat., 1103) or 25 U.S.C. 388 decided in the headquarters office of the Office of the Solicitor, and appeals from decisions of Regional Solicitors on irrigation claims;

(iii) Appeals under § 2.18 respecting availability of records;

(iv) Appeals from decisions of officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Indian enrollment appeals; and

(v) Appeals from decisions of officers of the Bureau of Land Management and of the Geological Survey in proceedings relating to lands or interests in land, contract appeals, and appeals in Indian probate proceedings, issued prior to July 1, 1970.

(3) An Index-Digest is issued by the Department. All decisions, opinions and orders issued in the categories of cases described in paragraphs (a)(1), (i), (ii), and (iii) of this section (that is, contract appeals, land appeals, and mine health and safety appeals), are covered in the Index-Digest; in addition, the Index-Digest covers the more

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important decisions, opinions and orders in the remaining categories of cases described in paragraphs (a)(1)(iv) and (a)(2) (i) through (iv) of this section, and the more important opinions of law issued by the Office of the Solicitor. The Index-Digest is available for use by the public in the Office of Hearings and Appeals, 801 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Va. 22203, in the Docket and Records Section, Office of the Solicitor, Interior Building, Washington, DC 20240, and in the offices of the Regional Solicitors and Field Solicitors. Selected decisions, opinions, and orders are published in a series entitled "Decisions of the United States Department of the Interior" (cited as I.D.), and copies may be obtained by subscription from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

(4) Copies of final opinions and orders issued by Regional Solicitors on tort claims and irrigation claims, and copies of final opinions and orders on appeals in Indian probate proceedings issued by Regional Solicitors prior to July 1, 1970, are available for inspection and copying in their respective offices. Copies of final opinions and orders issued by Field Solicitors on tort claims are available for inspection and copying in their respective offices.

(b)(1) Copies of final decisions and orders issued prior to July 1, 1970, on appeals to the Director, Bureau of Land Management, and by hearing examiners of the Bureau of Land Management, in proceedings relating to lands and interests in land are available for inspection and copying in the Office of Hearings and Appeals, 801 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Va. 22203, and in the offices of the Departmental administrative law judges.

(2) Copies of final decisions, opinions and orders issued on and after July 1, 1970, by departmental administrative law judges in all proceedings before them are available for inspection and copying in their respective offices and in the Office of Hearings and Appeals, , Arlington, VA 22203.

(3) Copies of final decisions, opinions and orders issued by administrative

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§ 2.3 Administrative manuals.

The Departmental Manual is available for inspection in the Departmental Library, Interior Building, Washington, DC, and at each of the regional offices of bureaus of the Department. The administrative manuals of those bureaus which have issued such documents are available for inspection at the headquarters officers and at the regional offices of the bureaus.

Subpart B—Requests for Records

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§ 2.11 Purpose and scope.

(a) This subpart contains the procedures for submission to and consideration by the Department of the Interior of requests for records under the Freedom of Information Act.

(b) Before invoking the formal procedures set out below, persons seeking records from the Department may find it useful to consult with the appropriate bureau FOIA officer. Bureau offices are listed in Appendix B to this part.

(c) The procedures in this subpart do not apply to:

(1) Records published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, opinions in the adjudication of cases, statements of policy and interpretations, and administrative staff manuals that have been published or made available under subpart A of this part.

(2) Records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes and covered by the disclosure exemption described in § 2.13(c)(7) if—

(i) The investigation or proceeding involves a possible violation of criminal law; and

(ii) There is reason to believe that—
(A) The subject of the investigation or proceeding is not aware of its pendency, and

(B) Disclosure of the existence of the records could reasonably be expected to

interfere with enforcement proceedings.

(3) Informant records maintained by a criminal law enforcement component of the Department under an informant's name or personal identifier, if requested by a third party according to the informant's name or personal identifier, unless the informant's status as an informant has been officially confirmed.

§ 2.12 Definitions.

(a) *Act* and *FOIA* mean the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

(b) *Bureau* refers to all constituent bureaus of the Department of the Interior, the Office of the Secretary, and the other Departmental offices. A list of bureaus is contained in Appendix B to this part.

(c) *Working day* means a regular Federal workday. It does not include Saturdays, Sundays or public legal holidays.

§ 2.13 Records available.

(a) *Department policy*. It is the policy of the Department of the Interior to make the records of the Department available to the public to the greatest extent possible, in keeping with the spirit of the Freedom of Information Act.

(b) *Statutory disclosure requirement*. The Act requires that the Department, on a request from a member of the public submitted in accordance with the procedures in this subpart, make requested records available for inspection and copying.

(c) *Statutory exemptions*. Exempted from the Act's statutory disclosure requirement are matters that are:

(1)(i) Specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and

(ii) Are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;

(2) Related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;

(3) Specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than the Privacy Act), provided that such statute—

(i) Requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner