

## Office of the Secretary of Transportation

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Law 96-254 (49 U.S.C. 1657(r)), authorizing the Secretary to establish a working capital fund for financing the activities of the Transportation Systems Center.

(2) [Reserved]

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(h) *Science and technology.* (1) With respect to scientific and technological matters, serve as principal advisor to the Secretary and representative of the Department to the academic community, the private sector, professional organizations, and other Government agencies.

(2) Serve as principal liaison official for the Department of Transportation with the Office of Science and Technology Policy in the Executive Office of the President.

(3) Serve as Chairperson of the Department of Transportation's Research and Development Coordinating Council.

(4) Serve as Chairperson of the Department of Transportation Navigation Council.

(5) Serve as primary official responsible for coordination and oversight of the Department's implementation of section 2 of the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Pub. L. No. 99-502; 15 U.S.C. 3710a), relating to the transfer of Federal technology to the marketplace.

(i) Carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by sections 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of the Sanitary Food Transportation Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-500; 104 Stat. 1213).

(j) Section 8 of the Independent Safety Board Act Amendments of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-641; 104 Stat. 4654 (49 app. U.S.C. 1804 note)).

(k)(1) Carry out the functions and exercise the authority delegated to the Secretary in Executive Order 12777 (3 CFR, 1991 Comp.; 56 FR 54757) in section 2(b)(2) relating to the establishment of procedures, methods, and equipment and other requirements for equipment to prevent discharges from, and to contain oil and hazardous substances in, pipelines, motor carriers, and railroads. (See 49 CFR 1.46 and 1.66.)

(2) Carry out the functions and exercise the authority delegated to the Secretary in section 2(d)(2) of Executive Order 12777 (3 CFR, 1991 Comp.; 56 FR

54757) relating to the issuance of regulations requiring the owners or operators of pipelines, motor carriers, and railroads, subject to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321), to prepare and submit response plans, except as delegated in section 1.46(m). For pipelines subject to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321), this authority includes the approval of means to ensure the availability of private personnel and equipment to remove, to the maximum extent practicable, a worst case discharge, the review and approval of response plans, and the authorization of pipelines to operate without approved response plans.

(1) University Grants Program. Sections 11(b) and 11(c) of the Federal Transit Act, as amended, 49 U.S.C. App. 1607c(b) and 1607c(c), except for the provisions in sections 11(b)(8)(b) and 11(b)(10).

[Amdt. 1-130, 43 FR 5516, Feb. 9, 1978]

EDITORIAL NOTE: For FEDERAL REGISTER citations affecting §1.53, see the List of CFR Sections Affected which appears in the Finding Aids section of the printed volume and on GPO Access.

### § 1.54 Delegations to all Secretarial Officers.

(a) This section sets forth general delegations to the Deputy Secretary, the Deputy Under Secretary, the General Counsel, the Inspector General and the Assistant Secretaries.

(b) Each officer named in paragraph (a) of this section is delegated authority to:

(1) Redelegate and authorize successive redelegations of authority granted by the Secretary within their respective organizations, except as limited by law or specific administrative reservation, including authority to publish those redelegations in appendix A of this part.

(2) Authorize and approve official travel (except foreign travel) and transportation for themselves, their subordinates, and others performing services for, or in cooperation with, the Office of the Secretary. This authority may be redelegated in accordance with regulations issued by the Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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(3) Communicate directly with chairmen of Field Coordination Groups provided such communications are largely informational in character and do not conflict with program responsibilities of the operating administrations.

(4) Establish ad hoc committees for specific tasks within their assigned staff area.

(5) Establish, modify, extend, or terminate standing committees within their specific areas of responsibility when directed or authorized to do so by the Secretary.

(6) Designate members of interagency committees when such committees are specifically concerned with responsibilities of direct interest to their office.

(7) Exercise the following authorities with respect to executive level positions (GS-16, 17, or 18 or equivalent) within their respective areas of responsibility:

(i) Determine how executive level positions will be filled; i.e., by reassignment, promotion, appointment.

(ii) Establish selection criteria to be used in identifying eligible candidates.

(iii) Confer with the Administrators on selection criteria and candidates for an executive level position that is a counterpart of an activity or position in the Office of the Secretary.

(iv) Recommend final selection for executive level positions, subject to review by the Executive Committee of the Departmental Executive Personnel Board and approval by the Secretary and the Civil Service Commission.

(v) Serve as ad hoc member of the Departmental Executive Personnel Board at the call of the Chairman and serve on the Board's Executive Committee whenever matters involving their respective offices or a functional counterpart thereof in an operating administration are presented to the Executive Committee for its consideration.

(8) Enter into inter- and intra-departmental reimbursable agreements other than with the head of another department or agency (31 U.S.C. 686). This authority may be redelegated only to office directors or other comparable levels and to contracting officers.

(9) Administer and perform the functions described in their respective functional statements.

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(10) Exercise the authority of the Secretary to make certifications, findings and determinations under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (Pub. L. 96-354) with regard to any rulemaking document for which issuance authority is delegated by other sections in this part. This authority may be redelegated to those officials to whom document issuance authority has been delegated.

(11) Exercise the authority of the Secretary to resolve informal allegations of discrimination arising in or relating to their respective organizations through Equal Employment Opportunity counseling or the Alternative Dispute Resolution process and to develop and implement affirmative action and diversity plans within their respective organizations.

(49 U.S.C. 1657(e)(1))

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### § 1.55 Delegations to Deputy Secretary.

The Deputy Secretary may exercise the authority of the Secretary except where specifically limited by law, order, regulations, or instructions of the Secretary. In addition, the Deputy Secretary is delegated authority to:

(a) Exercise executive control over the Departmental Planning-Programming-Budgeting System.

(b) Serve as Chairman of the Departmental Executive Personnel Board and its Executive Committee.

(c) Originate direct correspondence to chairmen of Field Coordination Groups on overall Departmental matters.

(d) Approve the establishment, modification, extension, or termination of:

(1) Department-wide (intra-department) committees affecting more than one program.

(2) OST-sponsored interagency committees.

(3) All advisory committees (including industry advisory committees) except those sponsored by field activities of the operating administrations.

(e) Approve the designation of: