

(1) Carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by 49 U.S.C. 5121(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e), 5122, 5123, and 5124, with particular emphasis on the shipment of hazardous materials and the manufacture, fabrication, marking, maintenance, reconditioning, repair or test of multi-modal containers that are represented, marked, certified, or sold for use in the transportation of hazardous materials; and

(2) Carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by all other provisions of the Federal hazardous material transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5101 *et seq.*) except as delegated by §§ 1.47(j)(2) and 1.73(d)(2) of this chapter and by paragraph 2(99) of Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.

(c) Carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by section 4(e) of the International Safe Container Act (46 U.S.C. 1503(e)).

(d) Exercise the authority and carry out the functions delegated to the Secretary in the following sections of Executive Order 12777 (56 FR 54757, Oct. 22, 1991):

(1) Section 2(b)(2) relating to the establishment of procedures, methods, equipment and other requirements to prevent discharges from, and to contain oil and hazardous substances in, pipelines, motor carriers, and railroads; and

(2) Section 2(d)(2) 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 *et seq.*), to prepare and submit response plans. For pipelines subject to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 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.

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§ 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.

(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

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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.

(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,

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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:

(1) Departmental representatives and the chairman for interagency committees sponsored by the Office of the Secretary.

(2) Departmental representatives on all advisory committees except those sponsored by a field component of one of the operating administrations or the Materials Transportation Bureau.

(3) Departmental members for international committees.

(f) Authorize and approve official travel and transportation for self, subordinates, and others performing services for or in cooperation with the Office of the Secretary; and authorize and approve official foreign travel of all Departmental personnel and others performing travel for the Department.

(g) Serve as the representative of the Secretary on the board of directors of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation and carry out the functions vested in the Secretary as a member of the board by section 303 of the Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 1330).

(h) Serve as the representative of the Secretary as incorporator, member of the acting board of directors, member of the board of directors, and member of the executive committee of the board of directors, of the United States