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Memorandum

To: Assistant Secretaries
Heads of Bureaus and Office Directors

From: Scott Hommel
Acting Chief of Staff

Subject: Designations of the Regulatory Policy Officer and the Regulatory Reform Officer and Establishment of the Regulatory Reform Task Force

In accordance with Executive Order 12866 ("Regulatory Planning and Review"), signed September 30, 1993, and Executive Order 13777 ("Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda"), signed by President Trump on February 24, 2017, this memo: (1) designates a Department of the Interior (Department) Regulatory Policy Officer; (2) designates a Department Regulatory Reform Officer; and (3) establishes a Department Regulatory Reform Task Force.

- (1) Dan Jorjani, Acting Deputy Chief of Staff, is designated to serve as the Department's Regulatory Policy Officer, under Executive Order 12866.
- (2) Jim Cason, Acting Deputy Secretary, is designated to serve as the Department's Regulatory Reform Officer, under Executive Order 13777.
- (3) Pursuant to Executive Order 13777, the following persons are designated as members of the Department's Regulatory Reform Task Force:
 1. The Regulatory Reform Officer – Jim Cason, Acting Deputy Secretary
 2. The Regulatory Policy Officer – Dan Jorjani, Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
 3. The following individuals from:
 - a. Policy, Management and Budget – Amy Holley, Chief of Staff;
 - b. Land and Minerals Management – Katharine MacGregor, Special Assistant;
 - c. Fish and Wildlife and Parks – Virginia Johnson, Lead Special Assistant;
 - d. Water and Science – Scott Cameron, Special Assistant; and
 - e. Indian Affairs – Benjamin Keel, Special Assistant.

The Regulatory Reform Officer will chair the Task Force. The Task Force will provide a report to the Secretary on **May 25, 2017**, detailing the Department's progress toward implementing the regulatory reform initiatives listed in Executive Order 13777 and identify regulations for repeal, replacement, or modification. The Task Force will provide regular follow-up reports on its progress as the Secretary directs.

To meet the requirements of Executive Order 13777, the Task Force will evaluate existing regulations and make recommendations to the Secretary regarding their repeal, replacement, or modification. It will identify regulations that:

1. Eliminate jobs or inhibit job creation;
2. Are outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective;
3. Impose costs that exceed benefits;
4. Create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with regulatory reform initiatives and policies;
5. Are inconsistent with the requirements of laws or guidance intended to ensure and maximize the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information disseminated by Federal agencies pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act; or
6. Derive from or implement Executive orders or other Presidential directives that have been subsequently rescinded or substantially modified.

The Office of the Executive Secretariat and Regulatory Affairs will provide technical and administrative support to the Task Force.

Copies of the Executive orders are attached for your convenience. Any questions regarding this memorandum should be directed to Juliette Lillie of the Office of the Executive Secretariat and Regulatory Affairs. She can be reached at (202) 208-3181.

Attachments

cc: Chiefs of Staff
Regulatory Contacts