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## 05-34 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SATELLITE, DATA, AND INFORMATION SERVICES

1. Legislation - As a result of legislation, Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1970, and other authority, the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to manage the Nation's civil operational remote-sensing satellite systems and to maintain and operate global data bases for meteorology, oceanography, geophysics, and solar-terrestrial sciences pursuant to the following provisions:

a. The Land Remote Sensing Commercialization Act of 1984, Public Law 98-365, 15 United States Code 4201 et seq., and Title II, Public Law 97-324, 96 Stat. 1601 (Civil land remote-sensing satellite system).

b. Executive Order 11564, 15 United States Code 1517 nt. (National Oceanographic Data Center).

c. Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1970, 5 United States Code app., Section 4(c), (Environmental Science Services).

d. Title 15, United States Code, Chapter 9, and Title 49, United States Code, Sections 1351 and 1463 (weather services).

e. Title 15, United States Code, Sections 2901-2908 (Climate Program).

f. Title 33, United States Code, Sections 883a-883e (surveys and investigations).

g. Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-62, Sections 3 and 4 (coordination of weather services and research).

2. Other Authorities - The Administrator, NOAA, under Title 15, United States Code, Sections 3701 et seq., is authorized to carry out programs related to technology transfer.

3. Delegation to the Administrator of NOAA - By Section 3.01 of the Department Organization Order 25-5A (DOO 25-5A) at subsections a, b, e, f, g, i, q, hh, and ss, the Secretary has delegated the authority specified in paragraph 1 of this directive to the Administrator, and by Section 3.02 of DOO 25-5A, the Secretary has delegated to the Administrator additional authority, not enumerated, which is necessary to perform the functions assigned by the Organization Order. These delegations are subject to the Secretary's reserved authority to provide general policy guidance to the Administrator and to consult with the Administrator to the extent permitted

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by law concerning the Administrator's functions. By Section 3.04 of D00 25-5A the Secretary has authorized the Administrator to delegate these authorities to any employee of NOAA.

4. Delegation by the Administrator to the Assistant Administrator for Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service - With the reservations specified in this directive, the following authority is hereby delegated to the Assistant Administrator for Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Services (Assistant Administrator):

a. The authority specified in subparagraphs 1a - 1c of this directive and delegated to the Administrator as specified in paragraph 2.

b. The authority to provide weather and climate services and to conduct surveys and investigations specified in subparagraphs 1d - 1g of this directive, which also is delegated to other NOAA components, to the extent necessary for the Assistant Administrator to carry out any functions relating to the management of the civil operational satellites and to the collection, analysis, and management of environmental data and information.

c. The authority vested directly in the Administrator specified in paragraph 2 of this directive.

d. The additional authority of the Secretary of Commerce referred to in Section 3.02 of D00 25-5A and delegated to the Administrator, to perform the functions assigned in this directive, including specifically the authority to carry out appropriate international activities.

5. Reservation of Authority by the Administrator - The Administrator reserves the authority to:

a. Review on a case-by-case basis any approval by the Assistant Administrator of proposed and final regulations;

b. Review on a case-by-case basis the granting or modification of any license issued under Title IV of Public Law 98-365 and to hear appeals by any applicant or licensee from an adverse action taken under this Act by the Assistant Administrator; and

c. Provide general policy guidance to, and consult with, the Assistant Administrator to the extent permitted by law concerning the Assistant Administrator's functions.

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