



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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THE ADMINISTRATOR

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority 14-2, Responses

FROM: Michael S. Regan

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TO: Assistant Administrator for Land and Emergency Management
Regional Administrators

14-2. Responses (1200 TN 531)

1. **AUTHORITY.** To respond to any release or threatened release of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant, pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, Section 104. The term *response* is defined under CERCLA Section 101(25) and includes both removal and remedial actions. This delegation of authority covers CERCLA authorities related to carrying out response actions by the EPA, including response selection and implementation.
2. **TO WHOM DELEGATED.** The Assistant Administrator for Land and Emergency Management.
3. **LIMITATIONS.** None.
4. **REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.**
 - a. The Assistant Administrator for Land and Emergency Management may redelegate this authority within the Office of Land and Emergency Management to the office director level and no further, or to the regional administrators, who may redelegate the authority.
 - b. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command, including deputies, to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.

5. ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.

- a. CERCLA, Sections 101(23), 101(24), 105, 113, 116, 117, 118, 120, 121, and 126(b).
- b. Executive Order 12580, as amended.
- c. 40 CFR Part 300, National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan.
- d. 40 CFR 35, Subpart O, "Cooperative Agreements and Superfund State Contracts for Superfund Response Actions."
- e. EPA Delegation 14-1, Superfund State Contracts and Cooperative Agreements.
- f. EPA Delegation 14-17, National Priorities List Determinations.
- g. EPA Delegation 14-22, Administrative Record and Public Participation.
- h. EPA Delegation 14-30, Acquisition of Real Property.
- i. Limited Contracting Officer Warrant Authority issued to designated OSCs.
- j. All other directives, policy and guidance issued by OLEM and the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance pertaining to response and consultation requirements.