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National Policy Memorandum

Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of the Director

Effective: October 1, 2011

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Number: NPM-TRUS-26A-1

Title: Amended - Management of Water-related functions within the Office of Trust Services

1. Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to amend NPM-TRUS-26, **Management of Water-related functions within the Office of Trust Services**, issued October 1, 2010 to extend the expiration date (one year) to October 1, 2012. The text of NPM-TRUS-26, which standardizes how all water programs will be maintained and administered by the BIA, has not changed.

2. Scope

This policy applies to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

3. Policy

To more effectively operate the various water-related programs within the OTS, all water programs will be maintained and administered within a single division. Currently, the Division of Irrigation, Power, and Safety of Dams is responsible for irrigation construction, dam rehabilitation and the operation and maintenance of dams, irrigation, and power projects. The Indian Water Rights Litigation/Negotiation and Water Resources Management and Pre-development Programs, and the Federal Power Act Compliance Program (re-licensing hydro-power projects that affect Indian trust resources) are managed in the Division of Natural Resources. This policy integrates the water related programs under the Division of Natural Resources into the Division of Irrigation, Power and Safety of Dams so related elements function cooperatively. This policy is effective as of October 1, 2010, and its provisions remain in effect until incorporated into the Departmental Manual (130 DM 7).

4. Roles and Responsibilities

- A. Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs is responsible for the development of National Policy affecting Indian trust resources.

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Amends NPM-TRUS-26, issued October 1, 2010.

- B. Deputy Bureau Director, Office of Trust Services is responsible for administering this policy.
- C. Chief, Division of Irrigation, Power and Safety of Dams is responsible for the management, supervision, technical oversight, and monitoring of all water-related programs within the OTS, including the Water Rights Litigation/Negotiation, Water Resources Management and Pre-development, and Federal Power Act Compliance Programs and staff.
- D. Deputy Director, Field Operations, BIA is responsible for overseeing the Regional Directors and dissemination policy to them.
- E. Regional Director, Northwest Region will provide part time management, for Northwest Regional issues, of the Manager, Hydroelectric Power Project Licensing position. For National issues, the Manager will work part time in coordination with the Chief, Division of Irrigation, Power and Safety of Dams.
- F. Regional Director, Pacific Region will manage the BIA's Klamath River Basin work activities under the Region's Water Rights Litigation/Negotiation and Water Resources Management and Pre-development Programs. The Staff Assistant – Water Rights position, currently under the direction of the Director, BIA and stationed in Sacramento, California, will be converted to a position in the Pacific Region.

5. Approvals


Acting Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs

9/19/2011
Date