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MEMORANDUM TO KEVIN W. SMITH
MANAGER
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FROM: DAVID HUIZENGA
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SUBJECT: Delegation of Approving Official

The Department of Energy (DOE) Order 205.1B, *Department of Energy Cyber Security Program*, states that Program Secretarial Officers will serve as the Approving Official (AO) for all information systems under their purview. Further, it states that this authority can be further delegated, in accordance with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication 800-37 revision 1, to senior Federal officials within the program elements under their purview.

You are hereby delegated AO responsibilities for the classified and unclassified systems under the management authority of the Office of River Protection (ORP). Further delegation of this authority is not allowed. In accordance with NIST Special Publication 800-37 revision 1, you may appoint a Federal employee as the AO designated representative. The AO designated representative may carry out day-to-day duties tasked to the AO and is empowered to make decisions with regard to planning and the necessary resources required for approving the system. The AO representative can represent the AO, but cannot accept risk. The AO is the only authorized individual who can accept risk on behalf of the Department and must sign the Accreditation granting authority to operate.

It is my expectation that the AO or the AO designated representative have technical system knowledge. The AO and the AO representative are to: (1) hold a security clearance (DOE Q); (2) have knowledge of classified threat data; and (3) complete training within 6 months after appointment.

With this delegation of authority, you are responsible for the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information processed, stored, and transmitted over and on Information Technology systems under your authority. You are authorized to accept risk for these systems. Further, this delegation includes your authority to grant authority to operate, or to withdraw authority to operate, and suspend the operation for all classified and unclassified information systems with operational boundaries that are under the jurisdiction of the ORP.



This memorandum rescinds the previous delegation of authority for Scott L. Samuelson, dated June 9, 2011.

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