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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

From: Perry Pendley
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Subject: Energy and Minerals: Goals and Objectives

Attached please find an initial cut on goals and objectives of the Assistant Secretary for Energy and Minerals.

These issues represent the major policy initiatives of the Assistant Secretary during the Reagan Administration. They do not represent a number of minor policy issues which may yet arise, nor do they represent other initiatives which may be undertaken as past policies and programs are examined in detail and fully understood in effect.

The Assistant Secretary for Energy and Minerals will be folding the attached initiatives into a Management by Objective (MBO) program to denote assigned party, date, expected tasks, and required action.

Attachment

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Secretary's file
Secretary's reading file (2)
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ENERGY & MINERALS

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

National Minerals Policy

--Minerals Policy as an Element of Federal Land Policy

- Twenty year extension of mineral exploration in Wilderness areas.
- Expedited programs of review and release of land withdrawals.
- Determine exact status of lands unavailable for mineral exploration and development.
- Withholding of DOI recommendation for single purpose designation in the absence of mineral assessment.
- Surface management regulations patterned after Forest Service regulations.

--Strategic and Critical Minerals Stockpile

- Initiate evaluation of stockpile by DOI, DOD, Commerce, FEMA and GSA.
 - Quality
 - Quantity
 - Form.

--Improvements in America's Mineral Data Acquisition System

- Evaluate and improve DOI's mineral systems by merging into one (CRIB, MAS).
- Improve Mineral Attache program by providing better training, guidance, and backup.
- Coordinate with other mineral data collection agencies (CIA, State, DIA).

--Assistant Secretary--Energy and Minerals Minerals Advocacy

- Mineral Adviser to Executive Branch.
- Amicus for critical minerals.

--Strengthen Bureau of Mines' research functions

- Shift to production oriented research.
- Bureau of Mines acquires Mineral Institutes.

--Law of the Sea Treaty

- Negotiators recognize strategic minerals aspect in negotiations.

Energy Policy

--Outer Continental Shelf

- Streamline preleasing activities.
- Streamline post-leasing activities.
- Revise 5-year leasing schedule.
- Consider reorganization of DOI's OCS program.

--Coal

- USGS participate with BLM in revising coal management program.
- OSM eliminate burdensome, excessive or unnecessary regulations.

--Oil and Gas

- USGS review leasing procedures for elimination of burdensome, excessive or unnecessary regulations.
- USGS review oil and gas leasing program in accordance with GAO report.

--Oil Shale

- USGS participate with BLM in preparation of:
 - (1) Recommended legislative revisions to oil shale aspects of Mineral Leasing Act of 1920.
 - (2) Draft Secretarial Issue Document on future oil shale program.
- ASEM coordinate with Assistant Secretary--Land and Water Resources in delivery to Congress of recommendations for oil shale off-site disposal amendments.

--Geothermal

- USGS participate with BLM in preparation of:
 - (1) Secretarial instructions to USGS and BLM regarding revisions in DOI operating procedures.
 - (2) Draft legislation to remove Statutory barriers to geothermal development.

--Tar Sands

- USGS coordinate with BLM in preparation of initial discussion document regarding obstacles to tar sand development.

Coal Reclamation Regulation

- Revise and reform existing regulations promulgated under P.L. 95-87.
 - Performance Standards.
 - Bonding.
- Evaluate OSM district and regional office structure for economic and implementation efficiency.
- Consider transfer of Mineral Institutes to the Bureau of Mines.

General

- Evaluate USGS role in nuclear waste disposal.
- Evaluate USGS role in national water policy.
- Implement Alaska Lands legislation regarding:
 - Arctic Wildlife Refuge oil and gas survey
 - Mineral survey of Federal lands
 - Coordination of USGS and BLM in oil and gas leasing program.