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1-47. Assistance Agreements for Economic, Social Science, Statistical, and Other Research, Development, Studies, Surveys, Demonstration, Investigations, Public Education Programs, Training, and Fellowships

1. **AUTHORITY.** To approve assistance agreements for activities including, but not limited to, economic, social science, statistical research, development, studies, surveys, demonstrations, investigations, public education, training, and fellowships to the extent authorized under the following Acts:

   a. Clean Water Act, Section 104;

   b. Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, Section 20;

   c. Clean Air Act, Section 103;

   d. Solid Waste Disposal Act, Section 8001;

   e. Safe Drinking Water Act, Section 1442;

   f. Toxic Substances Control Act, Section 10;

   g. Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act, Section 203;

   h. Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, Section 311;

   i. National Environmental Policy Act, Section 102(2)(f) for international awards; and

   j. Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act.

2. **TO WHOM DELEGATED.** Division directors, or equivalent, for their respective programs.

3. **LIMITATIONS.**

   a. The delegated authority is limited to activities directly contributing to the implementation of the mission of the office and consistent with congressionally approved budget requests.

   b. The authority delegated does not include research within the purview of the Office of Research and Development.

4. **REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.**

   a. This authority may be redelegated to the branch chief level, or equivalent, and may not be redelegated further.

   b. The right to exercise or withdraw the authority being delegated is also being retained. 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 down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.

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5. **ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.**

a. 40 C.F.R. Chapter 1, Subchapter B, which provides EPA's regulations on Grants and Other Federal Assistance, including 40 C.F.R. Parts 40, 45, and 46.

b. 2 C.F.R. Part 200, OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; and 2 C.F.R. Part 1500, EPA's adoption and supplementation of the OMB uniform award requirements.

c. Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977, P.L. No. 95-224, as amended, 31 U.S.C. §6301 et seq.

d. EPA Order series 5700, which provides EPA policies regarding assistance agreements.

e. Delegation 1-14-A, Assistance Agreements, which delegates to the officials in the Mission Support Division the authority to take all necessary actions to award, obligate and de-obligate funds for, and administer fellowship, grant, cooperative and loan agreements, and to make any final determinations required by law or regulations, with eligible recipients.

f. EPA Order 1130.2A, Senior Resource Officials and Resources Management Committee.

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