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212 DM 33

33.1 Delegation of Authority. The Director, Office of Valuation Services (OVS) is authorized to exercise the authority of the Assistant Secretary – Policy, Management, and Budget (A/S – PMB) through the Deputy Assistant Secretary – Technology, Information, and Business Services to carry out the following:

- A. Real estate valuation functions and responsibilities described in 112 DM 3.
- B. Mineral evaluation functions and responsibilities as described in 112 DM.
- C. Contracting for valuation services for the Department’s bureaus and offices as described in 112 DM 33.
- D. Program and administrative authorities described in 212 DM 1, subject to the limitations in 200 DM 1.

33.2 Review and Approval of Valuation Products.

A. The Deputy Director is delegated unlimited authority to review and approve valuation products and establish dollar limits for OVS staff for appraisal review and approval. This unlimited authority may be re-delegated to the Chief Appraiser.

B. The Chief Appraiser may further delegate authority to review and approve valuation products with value opinions to staff appraisers who meet current requirements for review appraisers, as defined in 602 DM 1. Approval authority will be based on a documented workload analysis prepared by the client service managers supporting the need for the specified level of review authority. The Chief Appraiser may also delegate authority, per 602 DM 1, to qualified Department staff to prepare waiver valuations for their respective agencies. The delegated authority will be based on the qualifications of the staff and input from the respective client service manager.

33.3 **Limitations.** Authority for responsibilities in 602 DM 1.5 that are reserved to the Deputy Director and Chief Appraiser may not be delegated.