

that there are no significant impacts on the environment associated with this action. The Environmental Assessment and the other above-listed documents are incorporated by reference into this FONSI.

To summarize, OPS believes that the risk control activities Northwest is proposing for the Demonstration Project will provide superior protection for people living near the Northwest pipeline system when compared to current regulatory requirements. Although the project is expected to provide environmental benefits, due to the minimal environmental impact associated with gas pipeline failures, these beneficial impacts are not expected to be significant. The additional environmental protection comes primarily from reducing the likelihood that pipeline failures will occur. If the number of failures is reduced, the cumulative environmental damage from these failures will also be reduced. The reduction in the likelihood of future pipeline failures is expected to be realized system-wide through several activities and programs that exceed regulatory requirements, including:

- An expanded and enhanced geological hazards program. Northwest should improve its ability to anticipate when land movement near its pipeline might occur, and take appropriate action to prevent failure.
- The stress corrosion cracking coupon monitoring program. Northwest should be able to better understand when this condition might occur, and thus take appropriate remedial action.

In addition, Northwest is proposing specific activities to reduce the risk from increased population at the specific sites identified in the

Environmental Assessment. These activities include:

- Enhanced third party damage prevention activities should reduce the likelihood that excavators will damage the line.
- Internal inspection and repair of anomalies will produce additional protection from corrosion, construction defects, and prior outside force damage.
- Installation of remote operators on block valves near areas of relatively high land movement potential. These remotely operated valves will allow the gas control center to rapidly isolate a section of the line if a failure occurs, thereby minimizing the duration of any fire that might occur.
- Improved training and exercises with emergency personnel on how to respond effectively to pipeline failures.

More detailed information on these risk control activities and their expected impacts is available in the Environmental Assessment referenced previously.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms

#### Delegation Order—Delegation of the Director's Authorities in 27 CFR Parts 4, 5, and 7, Labeling and Advertising of Wine, Distilled Spirits and Malt Beverages

1. *Purpose.* This order delegates certain authorities of the Director to

subordinate ATF officers and prescribes the subordinate ATF officers with whom persons file documents which are not ATF forms.

2. *Cancellation.* ATF O 1130.2, Delegation Order—Delegation to Bureau Headquarters Personnel of Authorities of the Director in 27 CFR Parts 4, 5, and 7, Federal Alcohol Administration Act, dated 5/29/96, is canceled.

3. *Background.* Under current regulations, the Director has authority to take final action on matters relating to labeling and advertising of wine, distilled spirits and malt beverages. We have determined that certain of these authorities should, in the interest of efficiency, be delegated to a lower organizational level.

4. *Delegations.* Under the authority vested in the Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, by Treasury Department Order No. 120-1 (formerly 221), dated June 6, 1972, and by 26 CFR 301.7701-9, this ATF order delegates certain authorities to take final action prescribed in 27 CFR Parts 4, 5, and 7 to subordinate officers. Also, this ATF order prescribes the subordinate officers with whom applications, notices, and reports required by 27 CFR Part 4, 5, and 7, which are not ATF forms, are filed. The attached table identifies the regulatory sections, documents and authorized ATF officers. The authorities in the table may not be redelegated. An ATF organization chart showing the directorates involved in this delegation order has been attached.

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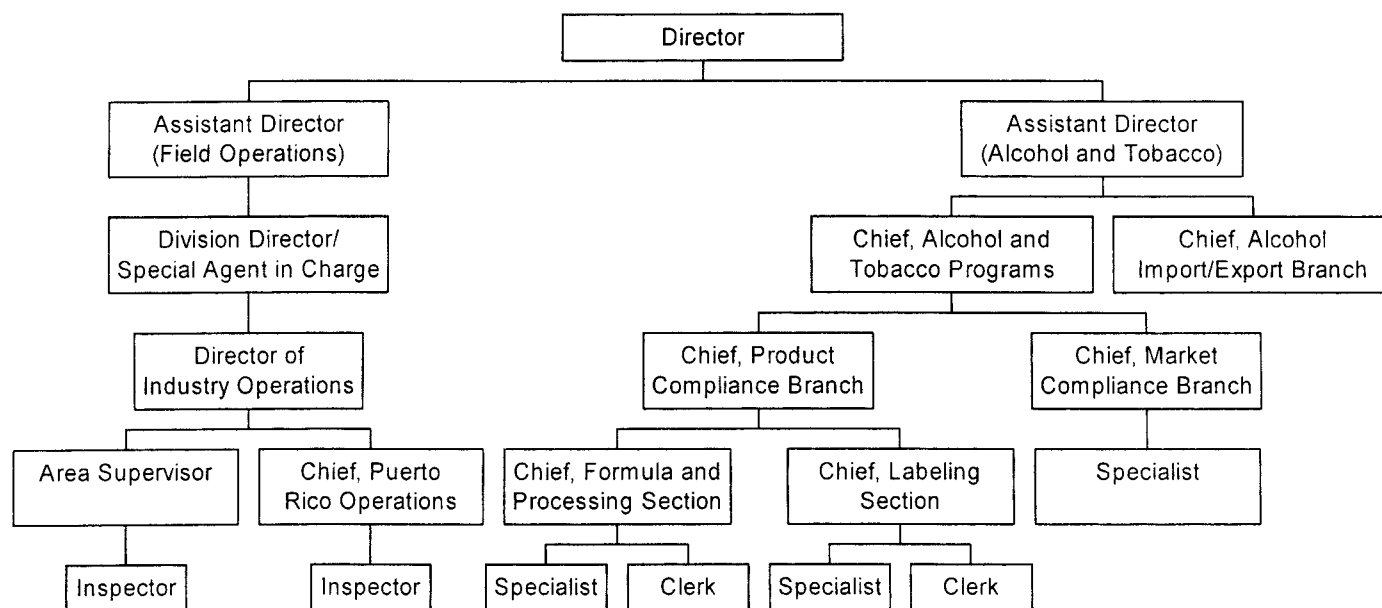
TABLE OF AUTHORITIES, DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED, AND AUTHORIZED ATF OFFICIALS

| Regulatory section                    | Officer(s) authorized to act or receive document   |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| § 4.3(a) .....                        | Chief, Product Compliance Branch.  |
| § 4.21(b)(3)(iii) .....               | Chief, Product Compliance Branch.  |
| § 4.23(c)(2) .....                    | Chief, Product Compliance Branch.  |
| § 4.24(a)(1), (b)(1) and (c)(1) ..... | Chief, Product Compliance Branch.  |
| § 4.30(b)(1) .....                    | Area Supervisor or Chief, Puerto Rico Operations.  |
| § 4.33(b) .....                       | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 4.37(c) .....                       | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 4.38(h) .....                       | Area Supervisor, Chief, Puerto Rico Operations, Specialist, Product Compliance Branch, or Chief, Alcohol Import/Export Branch. |
| § 4.39(a) (4) and (5) .....           | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 4.39(d) .....                       | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 4.39(g) .....                       | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 4.39(i)(2)(iii) .....               | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 4.39(i)(3) .....                    | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 4.39(j) .....                       | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 4.40(c) .....                       | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 4.50 (a) and (b) .....              | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 4.52 .....                          | Specialist or Clerk, Product Compliance Branch.  |
| § 4.64(a) (4) and (5) .....           | Specialist, Market Compliance Branch.  |
| § 5.3(a) .....                        | Chief, Product Compliance Branch.  |

## TABLE OF AUTHORITIES, DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED, AND AUTHORIZED ATF OFFICIALS—Continued

| Regulatory section                 | Officer(s) authorized to act or receive document   |
|------------------------------------|--|
| § 5.22(k) (1) and (2), and (1)(2). | Chief, Product Compliance Branch.  |
| § 5.26(b) .....                    | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 5.28 .....                       | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 5.33(g) .....                    | Area Supervisor, Chief, Puerto Rico Operations, Specialist, Product Compliance Branch, or Chief, Alcohol Import/Export Branch. |
| § 5.34(a) .....                    | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 5.35(a) .....                    | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 5.36(d) .....                    | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 5.38(c) .....                    | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 5.42(a) (4) and (5) and (b)(7).  | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 5.46(d) .....                    | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 5.51(c) .....                    | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 5.55 (a) and (b) .....           | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 5.55(c) .....                    | Specialist or Clerk, Product Compliance Branch.  |
| § 5.65(a) (4) and (5) and (g)      | Specialist, Market Compliance Branch.  |
| § 7.3(a) .....                     | Chief, Product Compliance Branch.  |
| § 7.20(c)(1) .....                 | Area Supervisor or Chief, Puerto Rico Operations.  |
| § 7.23(b) .....                    | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 7.24(g) .....                    | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 7.25(a) .....                    | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 7.29(a)(4) and (a)(5) and (d).   | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 7.31(c) .....                    | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 7.41 .....                       | Specialist, Product Compliance Branch.   |
| § 7.54(a) (4) and (5) .....        | Chief, Market Compliance Branch.   |

## ATF Organization (Not a complete organizational chart.)



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