



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SURGEON GENERAL  
COMMANDING GENERAL, U.S. ARMY MEDICAL RESEARCH AND MATERIEL  
COMMAND  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE VETERINARY SERVICES AGENCY

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority—Use of Animals in Army Programs

1. References:

- a. Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 5101.1 (DoD Executive Agent), 21 Nov 03.
- b. DoD Directive 6400.4 (DoD Veterinary Services Program), 24 Nov 03.
- c. DoD Instruction 3216.01 (Use of Animals in DoD Programs), 13 Sep 10.
- d. Headquarters, Department of the Army General Orders No. 3 (Assignment of Functions and Responsibilities Within Headquarters, Department of the Army), 9 Jul 02.

2. I hereby delegate to The Surgeon General of the Army the responsibility and authority to act on my behalf to execute the responsibilities, functions and authorities assigned to me:

- in my role as the DoD Executive Agent of the DoD Veterinary Services Program, as set forth in reference 1b, paragraph 4.2.; reference 1c, enclosure 2, paragraph 4a.; and other applicable directives and regulations.
- pursuant to reference 1c, enclosure 2, paragraph 3.

3. The Surgeon General may further delegate these authorities within her command. Should she elect to do so, she may restrict or condition the delegate's exercise of same. Delegations must be in writing, with the officials designated by organizational title, signed by The Surgeon General and determined not to be legally objectionable upon review by the Office of the Army General Counsel. No redelegation shall take effect until a record copy of the redelegation has been provided to the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army for archiving. The Surgeon General will remain cognizant of and accountable for all actions taken pursuant to the delegated authorities.

4. As an exception to my delegation to The Surgeon General, I hereby delegate to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command the

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authority and responsibility for implementing and overseeing the Army's animal use management plan as required by, and in accordance with, reference 1c, enclosure 2, paragraph 3a (2). This authority may not be further delegated.

5. As required by reference 1c, enclosure 2, paragraph 4b, I designate the Director, DoD Veterinary Services Activity, a field operating agency of the Army under the authority, direction and control of The Surgeon General, to serve as a consultant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering) for technical and professional matters related to reference 1c. I further designate the Director, DoD Veterinary Services Activity to be the DoD representative on animal care and use matters for implementing U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulatory requirements in accordance with Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations.

6. In executing their assigned responsibilities, The Surgeon General; the Commanding General, Army Medical Research and Materiel Command; and the Director, DoD Veterinary Services Activity shall coordinate between them, as appropriate, and with the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) and the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) to permit those officials to exercise the oversight functions assigned to them by reference 1d.

7. Although not a limitation on the authority of any official named herein to act on my behalf as indicated, in those cases where a proposed action or decision represents a change in precedent or policy; is of significant White House, congressional, Department or public interest; or has been, or should be, of interest or concern to me for any reason, the responsible official will brief me before taking such action or decision unless the exigencies of the situation prevent the official from doing so.

8. This delegation is effective immediately and expires 30 September 2014, unless earlier suspended, revoked or superseded.

  
John M. McHugh

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Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs)  
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology)  
General Counsel  
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The Judge Advocate General