

## CHAPTER 2

### RESPONSIBILITIES

#### **2-1. General.**

As indicated in chapter. 1-3.a., all authority under the Strategic and Critical Materials Stockpiling Act is vested in the President. These authorities are delegated primarily to the Secretary of Defense and re-delegated to the Under Secretary of Defense and to the Director, Defense Logistics Agency.

#### **2-2. Office of the Under Secretary of Defense – Acquisition and Technology**

- a. Formulates policies for determining the level of Stockpile goals for strategic and critical materials.
- b. Implements wartime scenario guidance and recommends specific materials to be designated as strategic and critical.
- c. Develops policy guidance and programs for the management of the Stockpile, including procurement, upgrading, rotation, storage, security, maintenance, and disposal of strategic and critical materials.
- d. Determines which Stockpile commodities are excess to national security requirements and provides guidance for the disposal of these excesses.

#### **2-3. Defense Logistics Agency (Strategic Materials)**

- a. Prepares the Annual Material Plan indicated in par. 1-2.c. and coordinates it with the President and the Congress.
- b. Plans, directs, and coordinates, on a nationwide basis, programs and activities, including the development and administration of policies, methods, and procedures relating to occupational health and safety, environmental impact, procurement, quality assurance and surveillance, inspection, beneficiation, upgrading, processing, refining, rotation, storage, handling, security, maintenance, protection, and distribution of strategic and critical materials for the National Defense Stockpile; and serves as a liaison with other Government agencies.
  - (1) Develops both short and long range acquisition and disposal plans for strategic and critical materials.
  - (2) Analyzes economic and marketing considerations, mobilization plans and technical aspects of the Stockpile program. Advises and assists other departments and agencies.
  - (3) Acquires needed materials and disposes of excess materials through various contract processes including barter transactions. Administers contracts to ensure performance.
  - (4) Prepares reports to the Congress concerning acquisition and disposal.

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- (5) Maintains the stockpile material inventory and facilities in a high state of readiness for appropriate response to the needs of a national emergency.
- (6) Operates depots and stockpile sites dispersed throughout the United States.
- (7) Provides management assistance, inspection and surveillance of both materials stored at, and facilities operated by, the Department of Defense (DoD), other Government agencies, and non-government owned sites.
- (8) Selects sites for the storage of new material to be acquired. . Also selects materials and locations in priority sequences from which sales, rotation or upgrading action should be accomplished.
- (9) Contracts or arranges for contracting by advertising or negotiating for the procurement of services and supplies required in the Stockpile operation. The contracting includes storage, site preparation, handling services, sampling and analysis, research, repackaging and interagency agreements.
- (10) Negotiates leases for sites to store material as authorized by the Stock Piling Act.
- (11) Develops, establishes, and administers a comprehensive occupational health program to provide safe and healthful places and conditions of employment consistent with established federal, state and local standards for the handling of hazardous materials.
- (12) Maintains liaison with other Government agencies regarding commodity exchanges, procurement specifications, and the development of a broadened industrial base for needed and/or scarce supplies of strategic and critical materials.
- (13) Makes necessary arrangements for transportation of materials in and out of approved storage locations and payment of costs when conditions make this a Government responsibility.
- (14) Performs initial purchase (inbound) and sales (outshipment) inspections of materials to ensure proper quantity, quality, packaging, where applicable, and the observance of public safety. Also performs sampling for chemistry or moisture content as a condition of purchase, sale, or maintenance. Makes periodic inspections at all locations for inventory verification, condition of material and storage facilities, security and environmental protection.
- (15) Furnishes annual estimates of stockpile tonnages to be handled and space required for the storage of material.
- (16) Executes and administers interagency agreements and service contracts.