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Memorandum

To: Bureau Directors

From: William H. Werkheiser 
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Subject: Bureau Roles Under the Department of the Interior Integrity of
Scientific and Scholarly Activities Policy

In accordance with the subject policy, the Departmental Scientific Integrity (SI) Officer provides leadership to the Department for policy implementation (305 DM 3.6C). In this capacity, I am issuing the following reminders to Bureau Directors:

- Part 305 Chapter 3 of the Departmental Manual provides Department-wide policy to guide and ensure the integrity of science and scientific products developed and used by the Department. It also includes: a code of conduct applicable to all DOI employees, volunteers, and outside parties, including individuals engaged in scientific activities and decision makers; requirements for the use and dissemination of scientific information; and identification and assignment of the responsibilities to carry out the functions listed above (305 DM 3.1).
- Heads of bureaus “provide leadership for their bureau on scientific integrity.” In addition, bureau heads also designate the Bureau Scientific Integrity Officer (SIO), develop bureau-specific SI guidance, and ensure those covered under the policy are aware of their responsibility to comply (305 DM 3.6E), for instance, through issuance and implementation of SI training guidance.
- Bureau SIOs’ “keep the non-political deputy bureau director or equivalent informed on the status of” SI policy implementation. Their SI roles, which include processing formal complaints and serving as bureau ombudsman on SI matters, are usually ancillary to their normal full-time position. When engaged in scientific integrity activities, bureau SIOs report to a different chain of command other than their regular in-line supervisor (305 DM 3.6F).

- In your capacity as Bureau director, please ensure that:
 - The highest non-political position (i.e., non-political deputy director or equivalent) in your bureau is aware of the above bureau SIO reporting requirement.
 - Your bureau SIO's in-line supervisor understands the ancillary role of the bureau SIO and that, by policy, the bureau SIO only reports SI matters to your bureau's highest non-political position and the Departmental SI Officer.

I have attached a list of DOI scientific integrity officers for your convenience. If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact me at 703-648-7412 or whwerkhe@usgs.gov.

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