



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

February 2, 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority for Rulemaking, Notices, and Significant Guidance Documents

1. **DELEGATION.** This memorandum delegates to the Chief of Staff authority to: (1) issue regulations, notices, and significant guidance documents, that are necessary or appropriate to carry out the laws administered by the Department; and (2) make certifications, findings, and determinations under the Administrative Procedure Act, Regulatory Flexibility Act, Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, Executive Order 12866, and any other laws, executive orders, or other authorities, as necessary for the issuance of regulations, notices, and significant guidance documents.
2. **AUTHORITY.** 2 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1571; 5 U.S.C. §§ 551-559, 601-612; 38 U.S.C. §§ 501, 512; 44 U.S.C. §§ 3501-3521; Executive Order 12866; 5 C.F.R. part 1320.
3. **RESTRICTIONS.** None. This delegation cancels and supersedes any previous delegations of rulemaking authority.
4. **REDELEGATION.** The Chief of Staff may further delegate authority under this delegation to Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, the General Counsel, and Other Key Officials, in accordance with law, regulation, and executive order.
5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This delegation of authority is effective on the date signed, and I expressly waive the 2-year sunset time limit for this delegation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric K. Shinseki".

Eric K. Shinseki