



Secretary of the Interior Salazar Issues Order on Renewable Energy

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On March 11, 2009, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar issued Secretarial Order No. 3285, Renewable Energy Development by the Department of the Interior. This Order “establishes the development of renewable energy as a priority for the Department” and creates a Task Force on Energy and Climate Change. The driving policy behind this Order is to “encourage the production, development, and delivery of renewable energy” as one of the highest priorities for the Department.

The Energy and Climate Change Task Force will be chaired by the Deputy Secretary and Counselor to the Secretary. Among other directives, this task force will prioritize environmental review and transmissions permits to deliver renewable energy to consumers, and identify and quantify the locations where large scale renewable power can be located.

In addition, in a March 16, 2009, press release, Secretary Salazar further reiterated that the Department of the Interior’s priorities will be in the renewable energy sector. Secretary Salazar stated, “our long-term economic, environmental, and national security depends on our ability to lead the clean energy revolution. Our traditional energy resources are a bridge to our clean-energy economy of the future.”

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