and assigned duties by the Director
with the concurrence of the Members,
and/or action of the Council. Any Coun-
cil Member may provide each task
force with whatever representation he
or she deems necessary.

(f) Field organizations are estab-
lished by or operate under the Council
and include field committees formerly
under the Inter-Agency Committee on
Water Resources and the offices of the
Chairmen of Federal-State River Basin
Commissions established under Title II
of the Act.

§ 701.6 Location of office.
The Headquarters is located in the
Washington, DC area.

Subpart B—Headquarters
Organization

SOURCE: 43 FR 25945, June 15, 1978, unless
otherwise noted.

§ 701.51 The Council.
Decisions of the Council are made as
hereinafter described in §§701.53 and
701.54.

§ 701.52 Definitions.
As used in this part the term Member
means the Secretary of Agriculture,
the Secretary of the Army, the Sec-
retary of Commerce, the Secretary of
Energy, the Secretary of Housing and
Urban Development, the Secretary of
the Interior, the Secretary of Trans-
portation, and the Administrator of
the Environmental Protection Agency,
or Alternate appointed in accordance
with §701.53(a) when the alternate is
acting for one of the above-named.

§ 701.53 Council decisions by Members.
Council decisions by Members may
be made by direct vote at Council
meetings or by a written communica-
tion which may provide for either a
written or telephone response. Written
communications shall state the time
limit for voting on issues which they
contain; however, extensions of time
may be granted by the Director or
Chairman when it is deemed necessary.

Issues raised at Council meetings shall
be decided by majority vote of Mem-
bers present and voting. Issues identi-
fied in written communications must
receive approval of all Members. If an
action item does not receive approval
of all Members, it will be considered as
an agenda item at the next Council
meeting. For purposes of this section,
approval of all Members shall be de-
fined as approval without a negative
vote within the time limit for voting
provided within each action memo-
randum. Decisions affecting the au-
thority or responsibility of a Member,
within the meaning of section 3(b) of
the Act, (42 U.S.C. 1962–1(b)), can be
made only with that Member’s concur-
rence.

(a) Each of the Members in §701.5(b)
shall designate in writing to the Chair-
man, with a copy to the Director, those
individuals who may act as their Alter-
nates in fulfilling the duties as a Mem-
ber. Each Member shall designate one
Alternate and one second Alternate to
represent the Member on the Council.

(b) A quorum for the transaction of
business at Council meetings shall con-
sist of five or more Members and a ma-
ajority shall consist of at least four
votes.

(c) Each Member has equal respon-
sibility and authority in all decisions
and actions of the Council. Each Mem-
ber may place an item on a meeting
agenda or, acting through the Director,
circulate in writing an item for Council
action. Each Member, as well as each
Associate Member and each Observer,
shall have full access to all informa-
tion relating to the performance of his
duties and responsibilities.

(d) No vote shall be taken at Council
meetings until each Member and Asso-
ciate Member present has had full op-
portunity to express his views.

(e) Members shall meet regularly at
least quarterly, upon the call of the
Chairman, or when requested by a ma-
ajority of Members.

(f) Matters specifically reserved for
Council decision by Members are:
(1) Actions requiring Presidential ac-
tion or approval.
(2) Approval of Annual Budget re-
quests and the Annual Operating Pro-
gram of the Office of the Water Re-
sources Council.
(3) Decisions involving substantial
policy issues.
(4) Delegations of authority.