§ 644.71 Final title assembly.

(a) Disposition of final title assemblies. The final title opinion and related papers will be forwarded to HQDA (DAEN-REA-P) WASH DC 20334 for review and disposition. In addition, copies of deeds and related papers in acquisitions for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve Program of the Department of Energy will be forwarded to: Department of Energy, Strategic Petroleum Reserve Project Management Office, 900 Commerce Road East, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123.

(b) Division/District files. True copies will be retained for Division or District files.

§ 644.72 Transfer to condemnation.

(a) Transfer of tracts from purchase to condemnation. If at any time, in the course of acquisition by purchase, it becomes apparent that title clearance and closing cannot be completed within 60 days of the offer to sell, action will immediately be taken to acquire the land by condemnation in order to make funds available to the landowner.

(b) Contents of letter of submittal. In such cases the letter of submittal will contain or be accompanied by:

(1) All title evidence.

(2) An analysis of the title defects and a statement of the attempts which have been made to cure the defects.

(3) A statement of the attempts to have the title infirmities waived by the title company and the reasons for refusal; or

(4) The curative material which has been obtained to remedy the infirmities; and

(5) Two copies of the offer to sell from the apparent owners.

§ 644.81 General.

Sections 644.81 through 644.88 describe the procedures of the Corps of Engineers relating to the acquisition of land and interests therein for both military and civil works projects by purchase, donation and transfer.

(a) Applicability. These sections are applicable to all Division and District Engineers having real estate responsibilities.


(2) Military. Title 10 U.S.C. 2571 authorizes transfer of real property between Defense elements without compensation if the Secretaries approve. Title 10 U.S.C. 2662 provides that acquisition of fee title or transfer of real