§ 501.4 Succession to Administrator.

(a) The following officials, in the order indicated, shall act in accordance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 3346–3349 as Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in the case of the absence or disability or in the case of a vacancy in the office of the Administrator, until a successor is appointed:

(1) Senior Associate Administrator for Policy and Operations. As the principal advisor to the Administrator and Deputy Administrator with regard to core administrative and support services, provides direction and internal management and mission support for such activities. Provides executive direction over the Associate Administrator for Advanced Research and Analysis, the Associate Administrator for Administration, the Associate Administrator for Planning, Evaluation and Budget, the Chief Information Officer and the Office of Communications and Consumer Information.

(2) Senior Associate Administrator for Vehicle Safety. As the principal advisor to the Administrator and Deputy Administrator with regard to rulemaking, enforcement and applied research, provides direction and internal management and mission support for such activities. Provides executive direction over the Associate Administrator for Rulemaking, the Associate Administrator for Enforcement, and the Associate Administrator for Applied Research.

(3) Senior Associate Administrator for Traffic Injury Control. As the principal advisor to the Administrator and Deputy Administrator with regard to programs to reduce traffic injury, provides direction and internal management and mission support for such activities. Provides executive direction over the Associate Administrator for Program Development and Delivery and the Associate Administrator for Injury Control Operations and Resources.

(b) Chief Counsel. As chief legal officer, provides legal services for the Administrator and the Administration; prepares litigation for the Administration; effects rulemaking actions; issues subpoenas; and serves as coordinator on legislative affairs.

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§ 501.7 Administrator’s reservations of authority.

The delegations of authority in this part do not extend to the following authority which is reserved to the Administrator and, in those instances when the office of the Administrator is vacant due to death or resignation, or when the Administrator is absent as provided by §501.5(a), to the Deputy Administrator or Executive Director:

(a) The authority under chapter 301—Motor Vehicle Safety—of Title 49 of the United States Code to:
   (1) Issue, amend, or revoke final federal motor vehicle safety standards and regulations;
   (2) Make final decisions concerning alleged safety-related defects and noncompliances with Federal motor vehicle safety standards;
   (3) Grant or renew temporary exemptions from federal motor vehicle safety standards; and
   (4) Grant or deny appeals from determinations upon petitions for inconsequential defect or noncompliance.

(b) The authority under 23 U.S.C. chapter 4, as amended, to:
   (1) Apportion authorization amounts and distribute obligation limitations for State and community highway safety programs under 23 U.S.C. 402;
   (2) Approve the initial awarding of alcohol incentive grants to the States authorized under 23 U.S.C. 408, and drunk driving prevention grants to the States authorized under 23 U.S.C. 410;
   (3) Issue, amend, or revoke uniform State and community highway safety guidelines, and, with the concurrence of the Federal Highway Administrator, designate priority highway safety programs, under 23 U.S.C. 402;
   (4) Fix the rate of compensation for non-government members of agency sponsored committees which are entitled to compensation.

(c) The authority under chapters 321, 323, 325, and 329 of Title 49 of the United States Code to:
   (1) Issue, amend, or revoke final rules and regulations, except for final rules issued under section 32902(d); and