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the Mineral Section of the planning report, which will indicate the number and types of claims, areas involved, and the gross appraisal. Accompanying this Mineral Section will be a request that the Bureau of Land Management place an item in the next available budget for the funds required for the validation of the mineral claims involved. A copy of the Mineral Section, together with a copy of the request to the local office of the Bureau of Land Management, will be forwarded to HQDA (DAEN-REA-L) WASH DC 20314 for coordination with the Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240.

§ 644.26 Required clearances.

(a) As stated in AR 405–10 and AFR 87–1, no real estate or interests therein will be acquired until there is legislative authorization for the acquisition (41 U.S.C. 14) and an appropriation available for the purpose.

(b) AR 405–10 and AFR 87–1 also outline the clearances which must be made within the Departments of the Army and the Air Force, with the Department of Defense, and with the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives before acquisition may proceed. The Chief of Engineers is responsible for initiating all clearance actions as to Army acquisitions. The Director of Engineering and Services (AF/PRE) and the Director of Planning, Programming and Analysis (AF/RDXI), as to industrial installations, of Headquarters, USAF, are responsible for initiating all clearance actions as to Air Force acquisitions.

§ 644.27 Authority to issue Real Estate Directives.

Where there is legislative authorization, an appropriation is available, and necessary clearances have been obtained, the formal Real Estate Directive (designating the land to be acquired, the estate to be acquired, and the amount of funds available for the acquisition) will be issued by the head of the interested department or agency, or his designee.

(a) Authority to issue all Department of the Army Real Estate Directives is vested in the Chief of Engineers. The Chief of Engineers has been delegated authority from the Secretary of the Army, and has redelegated to Division and District Engineers authority, to approve:

(1) Acquisition of permits from other Government departments and agencies, excepting the use of space in the National Capital Region.

(2) The making of minor boundary changes in approved projects to avoid severance damages, by including or excluding small tracts of land which will not decrease the usefulness of the project for the purpose for which being acquired.

(b) The delegated authority referred to in paragraph (a) of this section was redelegated to Division and District Engineers, provided it can be accomplished without the allotment of additional funds: *And provided,* That there is an existing Real Estate Directive. When there is a change in scope (area and/or funds), recommendation will be made to the Chief of Engineers for amendment of the directive.

(c) The Chief of Engineers has been delegated authority to approve for the Secretary of the Army leasehold acquisitions, including renewals and extensions, and space assignments from the General Services Administration, where the estimated annual rental for any single project is not in excess of $50,000 and the acquisition is not controversial, unusual, or inconsistent with Department of the Army policies, excepting the acquisition by lease of industrial and commercial facilities; projects requiring a certificate of necessity in accordance with the Act of Congress approved June 30, 1932, as amended (40 U.S.C. 278a); and space in the National Capital Region. This authority has been redelegated to the Division Engineer where the annual rental does not exceed $25,000.

(d) Authority to issue all Department of the Air Force Real Estate Directives is vested in the Real Property Division, Directorate of Engineering and Services, HQ, USAF. Major Air Commands and Air Force Regional Civil Engineers may issue Real Estate Directives for acquisitions not exceeding $50,000 in cost.

(1) Division Engineers will assign numbers to Real Estate Directives