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the internal operations of the Department as delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Administration.

(7) Conduct a program on the economic feasibility of new uses of agricultural products. Assist agricultural researchers by evaluating the economic and market potential of new agricultural products in the initial phase of development and contributing to prioritization of the Departmental research agenda.

(8) Administer a competitive biodiesel fuel education grants program (7 U.S.C. 8106).

(9) Implement a memorandum of understanding with the Secretary of Energy regarding cooperation in the application of hydrogen and fuel cell technology programs for rural communities and agricultural producers.

(b) [Reserved]

[64 FR 40736, July 28, 1999, as amended at 68 FR 27446, May 20, 2003; 74 FR 3410, Jan. 21, 2009; 79 FR 44116, July 30, 2014]

§2.74 Director, Climate Change Program Office.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to §2.29(a)(12), the following delegations of authority are made by the Chief Economist to the Director, Climate Change Program Office:

(1) Coordinate policy analysis, long-range planning, research, and response strategies relating to climate change issues.

(2) Provide liaison with other Federal agencies, through the Office of Science and Technology Policy, regarding climate change issues.

(3) Inform the Department of scientific developments and policy issues relating to the effects of climate change on agriculture and forestry, including broader issues that affect the impact of climate change on the farms and forests of the United States.

(4) Recommend to the Chief Economist alternative courses of action with which to respond to such scientific developments and policy issues.

(5) Ensure that recognition of the potential for climate change is fully integrated into the research, planning, and decisionmaking processes of the Department.

(6) Coordinate global climate change studies.

(7) Coordinate the participation of the Department in interagency climate-related activities.

(8) Consult with the National Academy of Sciences and private, academic, State, and local groups with respect to climate research and related activities.

(9) Represent the Department to the Office of Science and Technology Policy on issues related to climate change.

(10) Represent the Department on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

(11) Review all Department budget items relating to climate change issues, including specifically the research budget to be submitted by the Secretary to the Office of Management and Budget.

(b) [Reserved]

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§2.75 Director, Office of Environmental Markets.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to §2.29(a)(13), the following delegations of authority are made by the Chief Economist to the Director, Office of Environmental Markets:

(1) Coordinate implementation of section 1245 of the Food Security Act of 1985 regarding environmental services markets (16 U.S.C. 3845).

(2) [Reserved]

(b) [Reserved]

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Subpart M [Reserved]

Subpart N—Delegations of Authority by the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs

§2.77 Deputy Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs.

Pursuant to §2.22(a), subject to reservations in §2.22(b), and subject to policy guidance and direction by the Under Secretary, the following delegation of authority is made by the Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs to the Deputy Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, to be exercised only during the absence or unavailability of the Under Secretary: Perform all the