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Memorandum

To: Solicitor
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Assistant Secretary – Fish, Wildlife and Parks
Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs
Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation
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Subject: Increasing the Circulation of \$1 Commemorative Coins

In December 2005, Congress passed, and the President signed into law, the Presidential \$1 Coin Act of 2005, Public Law (PL) No. 109-145. PL 109-145 authorized the creation of new \$1 coins commemorating the former Presidents of the United States, and increasing the general circulation of \$1 coins by Federal agencies. The Department of the Interior, through its large number of facilities nationwide, can and needs to play a significant role in the circulation of these important commemorative coins.

Please ensure that all entities that operate any business, including vending machines, on any facility or premises managed by or under the control of DOI will take such action as may be appropriate to ensure that:

- Any DOI business operation, instrumentality, system, or entity that involves coins or currency will be fully capable of accepting and dispensing \$1 coins in connection with such operations; and
- Those same business operations or entities display signs and notices denoting such capability on the premises where coins or currency are accepted or dispensed, including on each vending machine.

Solicitations and contracts involving business operations in which coins and currency are used, including vending machines, on facilities or premises managed by or under DOI control will include the following requirements:

- All business operations conducted under this contract that involve coins or currency, including vending machines, shall be fully capable of accepting and dispensing \$1 coins in connection with such operations.

- The Contractor will ensure that signs and notices are displayed denoting the capability of accepting and dispensing \$1 coins with business operations on all premises where coins or currency are accepted or dispensed, including on each vending machine.

All such business operations must be compliant with these requirements. Applicable existing contracts, including concessions contracts will be modified to include these requirements within 6 months from the date of this memo.

Vending machines on Federal property accepting no higher than the \$1 bill need not be modified to dispense dollar coins in change. Vending machines that accept bills greater than \$1 are still subject to the \$1 coin dispensing guidelines contained in this policy.

Please ensure that this policy is promulgated and implemented promptly within your bureau. If you have any questions about the policy, please call Debra E. Sonderman at 202-208-6352 or have your staff call Bob Jarcho at 202-208-3329. Thank you for your support on this important matter.