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Effective April 8, 2002, Walter D. Cruickshank, Ph.D., was designated Deputy Director of the Minerals Management Service. Cruickshank served as an Associate Director for Policy and Management Improvement for MMS since 1997.

In this capacity, Cruickshank supervised strategic planning, the administrative appeals process, management reforms, and conducted various policy and program analyses. He was also responsible for the royalty-in-kind pilots at MMS and, most recently, was actively involved in the development and implementation of the President's National Energy Policy within Interior.

As Deputy Director, Cruickshank will assist the MMS Director in the administration of programs that ensure the effective management of mineral resources located on the nation's outer continental shelf. This includes the environmentally safe exploration, development, and production of oil, natural gas, and the collection and distribution of revenues for minerals developed on federal and Indian lands.

Cruickshank received a Bachelor of Arts in Geological Sciences from Cornell University and a Doctorate in Mineral Economics from The Pennsylvania State University.

Cruickshank resides in Maryland with his wife and two children.