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EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:

This manual chapter validates the accuracy of the delegation of authority to negotiate and execute unfunded Memorandums of Understanding in the Minerals Management Service.

  
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1. ***What is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)?***

An MOU is an unfunded written agreement that facilitates the working relationship between two or more parties. Federal entities may enter MOUs with other Federal entities or with domestic public or private organizations or groups, or with a combination of both.

2. ***What is the purpose of this chapter?***

This chapter provides for the delegation of authority to negotiate and execute unfunded MOUs to the lowest level of practicable and efficient operation within the Minerals Management Service.

3. ***Who in MMS has the authority to negotiate and execute MOUs?***

A. Only the Director has the authority to enter into MOUs which are not program-specific and other MOUs which the Director has so identified.

B. Associate Directors may negotiate and execute MOUs which are consistent with their respective responsibilities and authorities.

4. ***May the Associate Directors redelegate authority to negotiate and execute program-specific MOUs?***

Associate Directors may redelegate authority to the Regional Director level but authority cannot be further redelegated. Regional Directors may then negotiate only those MOUs which are consistent with their respective responsibilities and authorities.

5. ***Is there any limitation on MOUs?***

Delegated officials may not enter into MOUs with foreign governments, foreign organizations, or foreign groups under this authority.

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