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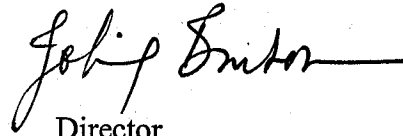
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This Chapter and Handbook update the delegations in the current chapters to reflect new authorities and citations.


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Part 210 Special Re Delegations

Chapter 1 Offshore Leasing and Operations

210.1.1

1. Purpose. This chapter redelegates Minerals Management Service (MMS) Offshore Program authorities to the Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management (AD/OMM) and identifies specific authorities retained at the departmental or Director, MMS, level.
2. Scope. Delegations include mineral leasing and operation functions on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).
3. Objective. This chapter establishes the primary level of authority for activities and responsibilities of the MMS Offshore Program.
4. Authority.
 - A. Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), as amended, 43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.
 - B. National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.
 - C. Departmental Manual (200 DM 1-3, General Provisions).
 - D. Departmental Manual (218 DM 2, 3, 4, and 6, Minerals Management Service Delegations).
5. Reference. Minerals Management Service Manual (MMSM 200.1, Redelegations).
6. Redelegation.
 - A. The authorities delegated to the Director in 218 DM 2-4 for managing and administering the Offshore Program are redelegated to the AD/OMM, unless the authorities are specifically retained by the Director or redelegated to another official.
 - B. See Offshore Program Delegations Handbook (MMSM 210.1-H) for those authorities redelegated by the AD/OMM.
 - C. If an authority is not specifically addressed in this chapter or in the handbook, it resides with the AD/OMM under the general redelegation effected in MMSM 210.1.6 A above.

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7. Limitations. Certain authorities are retained at a higher approval level within the Department of the Interior as illustrated in Chapter 1 and 2..

8. Procedures. A re delegation is not effective until it is signed by the Director. It will be published in the delegation series of the MMS directives system.

A. Any changes or additions to the re delegations in this chapter or the re delegations contained in the Offshore Program Delegations Handbook (MMSM 210.1-H) may be requested by:

(1) Submitting a memorandum to the AD/OMM. The memorandum must contain authority to be re delegated, citation, level of approval requested, and justification for the re delegation; and

(2) Providing a copy of the memorandum to the Directives Officer, Information Resource Management, and Office of the Associate Director for Administration and Budget.

B. A revision to this chapter or the handbook will be prepared by the Rules Processing Team, Office of Offshore Minerals Management, and will be processed according to the MMS directives review and approval procedures.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Minerals Management Service

HANDBOOK

OFFSHORE PROGRAM DELEGATIONS

(MMSM 210.1-H)



FOREWORD

This Minerals Management Service (MMS) Handbook contains the delegations of authorities for managing and administering the Offshore Program.

With the approval of this handbook, specific Offshore Program authorities are redelegated in Chapter 3. For reference purposes only, authorities retained by the Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management or at a higher approval level are also included in this handbook. (See Chapters 1 and 2.)

Changes or additions to this handbook should be submitted by memorandum to the Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management with a copy to the Associate Director for Administration and Budget. (See MMSM 210.1.8, Procedures.) A change or an additional redelegation is not effective until it is published in the delegation series of the MMS directives system.

Questions regarding this handbook or the basic manual (MMSM210.1) may be directed to the Offshore Directives Liaison Officer.

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CHAPTER 1. THIS CHAPTER IS INCLUDED IN THIS HANDBOOK TO SERVE AS A
REFERENCE

1. General: This chapter is included in this handbook to serve as a reference.
2. Limitations: Appendix 1 of this chapter identifies those Offshore Program authorities retained at the departmental or Director, MMS, level.
3. Redelegation: The Director, MMS, was delegated the Secretary's authority for managing and administering the offshore leasing and operations program in 218 DM2. However, the Secretary and Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management have chosen to retain certain authorities. (See Appendix 1 of this chapter.)

AUTHORITIES RETAINED AT THE DEPARTMENTAL
OR DIRECTOR, MMS, LEVEL

Item No.	Authority	Citation(s)	Approval Level
1.1	Approve 5-year leasing programs.	30 CFR 256.16	Secretary
1.2	Provide for periodic consultations on the 5-year leasing programs.	30 CFR 256.19	Secretary
1.3	Accept/reject State recommendations on size, timing, or location of a lease sale.	30 CFR 256.31 281.14	Secretary
1.4	Approve lease sales.	30 CFR 256.32	Secretary
1.5	Approve length of primary lease terms.	30 CFR 256.37 281.19	Secretary
1.6	Approve sizes of tracts to be offered.	30 CFR 256.28 281.15	Secretary
1.7	Enter into agreements with Governors on disposition of revenues from reservoirs and fields under State and Federal leases (OCSLA, section 8(g)).	30 CFR 256.25	Secretary
1.8	Enter into agreements with States (OCSLA, sections 7 and 19(e)).	43 USC 1336 30 CFR 281.13 282.7	Secretary
1.9	Cancel right-of-way grants.	30 CFR 250.1000 (e)(3)	Secretary
1.10	Cancel producing or non-producing leases (OCSLA, section 5(a) and (d)).	30 CFR 256.77 281.47 282.15	Secretary
1.11	Cancel leases (OCSLA, section 5(a)).	30 CFR 256.77 281.47(d) 282.15(d)	Secretary
1.12	Issue Requests for Interest or Requests for OCS Mineral Information and Interest.	30 CFR 256.16 281.12	AS/LM
1.13	Approve sale-areas or OCS mining-area identifications.	30 CFR 256.26 281.14	AS/LM
1.14	Issue Proposed and Final Notices of Sale and Leasing Notices.	30 CFR 256.29 256.32 281.16 281.17	AS/LM
1.15	Approve CZM Consistency Determinations for lease sales.	16 U.S.C. 1456(c)	AS/LM
1.16	Approve determinations made in rulemaking Records of Compliance.	318 DM 5	AS/LM

AUTHORITIES RETAINED AT THE DEPARTMENTAL
 OR DIRECTOR, MMS, LEVEL

Item No.	Authority	Citation(s)	Approval Level
1.17	Approve periodic inflation adjustments to maximum civil penalty.	43 U.S.C. 1350(b)	AS/LM
1.18	(A) Sign rules for codification in the Code of Federal Regulations and publication in the <u>Federal Register</u> .	218 DM 6	AS/LM
	(B) Sign corrections and technical amendments.	218 DM 6	AS/LM
1.19	Approve Environmental Impact Statements for leasing-related actions.	516 DM 6.3(A)	AS/LM
1.20	Make determinations to prepare Environmental Impact Statement for leasing-related actions.	516 DM 6.4	Director
1.21	Make determinations on manner and form of transmittal of proprietary information to the public and affected States.	30 CFR 250.196(b) 252.7 282.6	Director
1.22	Approve mineral lease forms.	30 CFR 256.49 281.22	Director
1.23	Authorize compensation to lessees for cancellation of leases.	30 CFR 250.184 281.47(d) 282.15(d)	Director
1.24	Confirm/reverse rejections of bids, field determinations.	30 CFR 203.79(a) 256.47 260.110(d)(2) 281.21	Director
1.25	Approve air quality models.	30 CFR 250.203 (b) (19)(ii)(A) 250.204 (b) (12) (ii)(A)	Director

CHAPTER 2. AUTHORITIES RETAINED BY THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR
OFFSHORE MINERALS MANAGEMENT

1. Authorities Retained: Appendix 1 of this chapter lists authorities that require the approval of the Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.
2. Redelegation: These authorities may be redelegated. (See MMSM 210.1 for procedures to request revisions to this chapter.)

AUTHORITIES RETAINED AT THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
 FOR OFFSHORE MINERALS MANAGEMENT LEVEL

Item No.	Authority	Citation(s)	Approval Level
2.1	Approve OCS Environmental Studies Program National Studies List.	30 CFR 256.82	AD/OMM
2.2	Approve scientific and technical documents for publication which contain policy implications or have a national scope or interest.	MMSM 600.1	AD/OMM
2.3	Approve bond forms.	30 CFR 251.7(d)(4) 256.54 281.33 282.40	AD/OMM
2.4	Issue National Notices to Lessees and Operators.	30 CFR 250.103	AD/OMM
2.5	Approve alternative methods to demonstrate Oil Spill Financial Responsibility.	30 CFR 253.32	AD/OMM
2.6	Prepare and approve environmental assessments for leasing-related actions.	516 DM 6.4	AD/OMM
2.7	Reduce or eliminate royalties or net profit shares for OCS leases.	30 CFR 203.1	AD/OMM
2.8	Disqualify operators for unacceptable operating performance.	30 CFR 250.135	AD/OMM
2.9	Issue Calls for Information and Nominations and Notices of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for leasing-related actions.	30 CFR 256.23	AD/OMM

CHAPTER 3. AUTHORITIES REDELEGATED BY THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR
OFFSHORE MINERALS MANAGEMENT

See [Release No. 287](#) for revision to Chapter 3.