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EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:

This release adds 205 DM 7 (Item J) to the list of authorities for the redelegation of authority to the Associate Director for Royalty Management and item (5) to the list of authorities retained by the Director.


Acting Director

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Chapter 1 Royalty Management Program

220.1.1

1. Purpose. This chapter redelegates Minerals Management Service (MMS) royalty and mineral revenue management authorities to the Associate Director for Royalty Management and identifies specific authorities retained by the Director.
2. Objective. This chapter establishes the primary level of authority for activities and responsibilities of the MMS Royalty Management Program.
3. Authority.
 - A. 25 U.S.C. 396 (Allotted Indian Lands Leasing Act).
 - B. 25 U.S.C. 396a-g (Tribal Lands Leasing Act).
 - C. 30 U.S.C. 181 et seq., as amended (Mineral Leasing Act of 1920).
 - D. 30 U.S.C. 301-306 (Right of Way Leasing Act of 1930).
 - E. 30 U.S.C. 351-359, as amended (Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947).
 - F. 30 U.S.C. 1000-1025, as amended (Geothermal Steam Act of 1970).
 - G. 30 U.S.C. 1701 et seq., (Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982).
 - H. 43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq., as amended (Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act).
 - I. Departmental Manual (218 DM 1, General Program Authority-Royalty Management).
 - J. Departmental Manual (205 DM 7, Claims by the United States for Property or Money (for claims related to royalty and mineral lease revenues)).
4. Reference. Minerals Management Service Manual (MMSM 200.1, Redelegations).

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5. Redelegation.

A. Except for those authorities shown in paragraph 5B, the authorities delegated to the Director in 218 DM 1 for managing and administering the Royalty Management Program are redelegated to the Associate Director for Royalty Management.

These authorities are carried out in coordination with other organizational entities as appropriate. Some of the Director's authorities for audit and investigation have also been redelegated to certain States.

B. The Director retains the authority to:

(1) Determine whether eligible refiners have access to adequate supplies of crude oil at equitable prices, elect to take royalty oil in kind, and sell royalty oil to eligible refiners.

(2) Suspend royalty oil contracts, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of Energy, during a national emergency declared by the Congress or the President.

(3) Approve settlements on behalf of the MMS of royalty-related administrative litigation pending before the Department, and of judicial litigation.

(4) Approve rules and publish in the Federal Register.

(5) Reduce or eliminate royalty or net profit share for OCS lease or segregated portion of an OCS lease.

6. Procedures.

A. Revisions to the redelegations in this chapter or in the Royalty Management Program Delegations Handbook (MMSM 220.1-H) become effective when they are approved for publication in the delegation series of the MMS directives system.

B. The Associate Director for Royalty Management will process these revisions in accordance with established procedures for MMS directives and delegations review and approval.

C. To request redelegation of authorities, refer to the procedures in the appropriate chapter in the handbook.