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EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:

This chapter and handbook have been revised to clarify the text and to accurately reflect delegated authorities. The revisions were made in accordance with appropriate levels of authority and with actual practice.

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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 in 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.

7. Limitations. Certain authorities are retained at a higher approval level within the Department of the Interior.

A. The Secretary of the Interior retains the authority to:

(1) Approve the 5-year leasing program;

(2) Provide for periodic consultation on the 5-year leasing program;

(3) Accept/reject State recommendations on size, timing, or location of a lease sale;

(4) Approve length of primary lease term;

(5) Approve size of tracts to be offered;

(6) Enter into agreements with Governors on disposition of revenues from reservoirs and fields under State and Federal leases (section 8(g), OCSLA);

(7) Enter into agreements with States (sections 7 and 19(e), OCSLA);

(8) Cancel a right-of-way grant;

(9) Cancel a producing or nonproducing lease; and

(10) Cancel a lease pursuant to section 5(a) of the OCSLA.

B. The Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management retains the authority to:

(1) Issue a Request for Interest or a Request for OCS Mineral Information and Interest;

(2) Issue Call for Information and Nominations and Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement;

(3) Approve sale-area identification or OCS mining area identification;

(4) Issue proposed and final Notices of Sale or Leasing Notices;

(5) Approve CZM consistency determinations for lease sales;

(6) Approve determinations made in a Determination of Effects of Rules document;

(7) Approve increases to the maximum allowable civil penalty to reflect inflation; and

(8) Approve and issue rules and rule-related notices.

C. The Director, Office of Environmental Affairs, retains the authority to approve Environmental Impact Statements for leasing-related actions.

D. The Director, MMS, retains the authority to:

(1) Issue public announcement when significant hydrocarbon occurrence is detected or environmental hazards are encountered on unleased OCS lands during drilling operations;

(2) Determine manner and form of transmittal of proprietary information to affected States;

(3) Approve mineral lease forms and bond forms;

(4) Authorize compensation to a lessee for cancellation of a lease;

(5) Confirm/reverse rejection of bids;

(6) Approve publication of Summary Reports and Indexes of OCS Information; and

(7) Approve Environmental Assessments for leasing-related actions.

8. Procedures. A redelegation is not effective until it is published in the delegation series of the MMS directives system.

A. Any changes or additions to the redelegations in this chapter or the redelegations 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 redelegated, citation, level of approval requested, and justification for the redelegation; and

(2) Providing a copy of the memorandum to the Management Analysis Branch, Office of Administration.

B. A revision to this chapter or the handbook will be prepared by the Branch of Engineering and Standards, Office of Offshore Minerals Management and be processed in accordance with the MMS directives review and approval procedures.

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HANDBOOK

OFFSHORE PROGRAM DELEGATIONS

(MMSM 210.1-H)

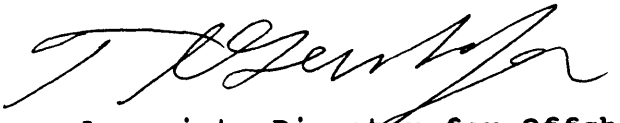
FOREWORD

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 Management Analysis Staff. (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 (MMSM 210.1) may be directed to the Offshore Directives Liaison Officer.



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CHAPTER 1. AUTHORITIES RETAINED AT THE DEPARTMENTAL OR DIRECTOR, MMS, LEVEL

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 DM 2. 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

	Authority	Citation	Approval Level
1.1	Approve 5-year leasing program.	30 CFR 256.16	Secretary
1.2	Provide for periodic consultation on the 5-year leasing program.	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 term.	30 CFR 256.37 281.19	Secretary
1.6	Approve size 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 (section 8(g), OCSLA).	30 CFR 256.25	Secretary
1.8	Enter into agreement with States (sections 7 and 19(e), OCSLA).	43 U.S.C. 1336 30 CFR 281.13 282.7	Secretary
1.9	Cancel a right-of-way grant.	30 CFR 250.150 (e)(3)	Secretary
1.10	Cancel a producing or nonproducing lease pursuant to section 5(a) and (d), OCSLA.	30 CFR 256.77 281.47 282.15	Secretary
1.11	Cancel a lease pursuant to section 5(a), OCSLA.	30 CFR 256.77 281.47(d) 282.15(d)	Secretary
1.12	Issue Request for Interest or a Request for OCS Mineral Information and Interest.	30 CFR 256.16 281.12	AS/LM
1.13	Issue Call for Information and Nominations and Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.	30 CFR 256.23	AS/LM
1.14	Approve sale-area or OCS mining-area identification.	30 CFR 256.26 281.14	AS/LM
1.15	Issue Proposed and Final Notices of Sale and Leasing Notices.	30 CFR 256.29 256.32 281.16 281.17	AS/LM
1.16	Approve CZM Consistency Determinations for lease sales.	16 U.S.C. 1456(c)	AS/LM
1.17	Approve determinations made in a Determination of Effects of Rules document.	318 DM 5	AS/LM

AUTHORITIES RETAINED AT THE DEPARTMENTAL OR DIRECTOR, MMS, LEVEL

	Authority	Citation	Approval Level
1.18	Approve periodic inflation adjustment to maximum civil penalty.	43 U.S.C. 1350(b)	AS/LM
1.19	Sign rules for codification in the Code of Federal Regulations and publish in the Federal Register.	218 DM 6	AS/LM
1.20	Approve Environmental Impact Statements for leasing-related actions.	516 DM 6.4	Director, Office of Environmental Affairs
1.21	Make determination to prepare Environmental Impact Statement for Leasing-related actions.	516 DM 6.4	Director
1.22	Issue public announcement when significant hydrocarbon occurrence is detected or environmental hazards are encountered on unleased OCS lands during drilling operations.	30 CFR 251.14-1	Director
1.23	Determine manner and form of transmittal of proprietary information to affected States.	30 CFR 250.18(a) 251.14 252.7 282.6	Director
1.24	Approve mineral lease forms and bond forms.	30 CFR 256.49 256.59 281.22 282.40	Director
1.25	Authorize compensation to a lessee for cancellation of a lease.	30 CFR 250.12(f) 281.47(d) 282.15(d)	Director
1.26	Confirm/reverse rejection of bids.	30 CFR 256.47 281.21	Director
1.27	Approve publication of Summary Reports and Indexes of OCS Information.	30 CFR 252.4 252.5 256.10	Director
1.28	Prepare and approve environmental assessments for leasing-related actions.	516 DM 6.4	Director
1.29	Approve air quality models.	30 CFR 250.34 (b)(12)(ii)(A) 30 CFR 250.33 (b)(19)(ii)(A)	Director
1.30	Approve correspondence prepared at Headquarters that is in response to a Freedom of Information Act request and that denies the request for records or discloses material which is exempt under the Freedom	MMSM 316.1	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 BY THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR OFFSHORE MINERALS MANAGEMENT

	Authority	Citation	Approval Level
2.1	Issue special guidelines for submitting environmental reports for geological and geophysical permit applications involving deep stratigraphic tests on unleased OCS lands.	30 CFR 251.6-2 280.10	Associate Director
2.2	Approve the manner in which an application for a geological and geophysical or a prospecting or scientific research permit will be submitted.	30 CFR 251.5-1 280.5	Associate Director
2.3	Approve the manner in which periodic progress reports on activities conducted under a geological and geophysical permit will be submitted.	30 CFR 251.7-2 280.8	Associate Director
2.4	Approve issuances of all Notices to Lessees and Operators (NTL's), except NTL's transmitting administrative information.	MMSM 640.2	Associate Director
2.5	Approve OCS Environmental Studies Program National Studies List.	30 CFR 256.82	Associate Director
2.6	Approve Interim Policy Documents for Offshore Program.	MMSM 318.1	Associate Director
2.7	Make determinations to prepare Environmental Impact Statements for permitting-related actions.	516 DM 6	Associate Director
2.8	Approve Environmental Impact Statements for permitting-related actions.	516 DM 6	Associate Director
2.9	Coordinate review and comment on environmental statements and other environmental documents from other agencies.	516 DM 1	Associate Director
2.10	Approve correspondence prepared at Headquarters which releases records requested under the Freedom of Information Act.	MMSM 316.1	Associate Director
2.11	Approve scientific and technical documents for publication which contain policy implications or which are sensitive in nature or have national scope or interest.	MMSM 600.1	Associate Director

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

1. Delegations of Authority. The authorities contained in Appendix 1 of this chapter are redelegated by the Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

2. Redelegation. These authorities may be further redelegated. (See MMSM 210.1 for procedures to request revisions to this chapter.)

3. Exception. In the Atlantic OCS Region, the Regional Director holds those field operation authorities listed in Appendix 1 of this chapter.

AUTHORITIES REDELEGATED BY THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR OFFSHORE MINERALS MANAGEMENT

	Authority	Citation	Approval Level
3.1	Prescribe manner in which prelease test activities proposed for group participation will be described in a summary statement.	30 CFR 251.6-3 (c)(1)	Regional Director
3.2	Issue a permit for geological exploration for mineral resources and geological scientific research involving the drilling of a deep stratigraphic test on unleased OCS lands.	30 CFR 251.6-2 280.3	RS/RE with concurrence of RS/FO (GOM, AK & PAC); RS/LE (AK, ATL). Regional Director
3.3	Approve a request for an extension of the expiration date of a permit to drill a deep stratigraphic test well.	30 CFR 251.6-5 280.4	Regional Director Regional Director
3.4	Approve a drilling plan or revisions to a drilling plan for a deep stratigraphic test on unleased OCS lands.	30 CFR 251.6-2 280.6	RS/FO Regional Director
3.5	Approve permit and extensions for geological and geophysical exploration activities which do not involve deep stratigraphic test wells.	30 CFR 251.4-1 280.4	RS/RE Regional Director
3.6	Suspend or cancel permittee's authority to conduct geological and geophysical exploration, prospecting, or scientific research activities on unleased OCS lands.	30 CFR 251.8 280.14 280.15	Regional Director
3.7	Approve request to authorize reimbursement for processing and reproduction costs to permittees for geological and geophysical data submitted.		
	a. under $10,000, and	30 CFR 251.13	RS/FO (PAC); RS/RE (AK, ATL, GOM)
	b. Over $10,000	30 CFR 251.13	Regional Director (AK, PAC); RS/RE (GOM, ATL)
3.8	Approve transmittal of information to Governors to identify areas within 3 miles of a State's seaward boundary under consideration for leasing and areas believed to have oil or gas pools or fields underlying both the OCS and lands under State jurisdiction.	30 CFR 256.25	Regional Director
3.9	Initiate consultation with affected States on leasing matters, including matters under sections 8(g) and 19(e) of the OCSLA.	30 CFR 256.25 256.19 281.13	Regional Director

AUTHORITIES REDELEGATED BY THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR OFFSHORE MINERALS MANAGEMENT

	Authority	Citation	Approval Level
3.10	Conduct surveys and establish boundaries necessary to administer offshore leasing.	43 U.S.C. 1334 218 DM 2.1	Chief, Offshore Minerals Survey Group
3.11	Establish the OCS cadastre, official protraction diagrams, leasing maps, plats, and written records of surveys used in describing and depicting the offshore submerged public land areas of the United States.	43 U.S.C. 1334 218 DM 2.1	Chief, Offshore Minerals Survey Group
3.12	Authorize early release of high resolution information from lessees if it is needed by affected States to make determinations under exploration or development and production plans.	30 CFR 250.18	RS/FO
3.13	Approve lessee's request for, or direct, a suspension or temporary prohibition of production or any other activity pursuant to a lease on the basis that it is in the national interest and (a) will facilitate proper development of the lease, (b) will allow for construction of or negotiations for the use of transportation facilities, (c) will facilitate the installation of equipment, or (d) will allow for any inordinate delays in obtaining any required permit or consent.	30 CFR 250.10(a) and (b) 282.13	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC) Regional Director
3.14	Terminate a suspension or temporary prohibition approved or prescribed by the Regional Supervisor under 3.12.	30 CFR 250.10(j) 282.13	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC) Regional Director
3.15	Order a suspension or temporary prohibition of production or other operations or terminate the suspension or temporary prohibition of production or other operations ordered pending correction of one or more incidents of noncompliance.	30 CFR 250.10 282.13	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC) Regional Director
3.16	In cases where continued operations are an immediate threat to human life or the environment, suspend or temporarily prohibit production or other operations.	30 CFR 250.10 (b)(2) 282.13	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC) Regional Director
3.17	Approve plans for pipeline construction and installation and modifications to plans for existing pipelines.	30 CFR 250.150(b)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)

AUTHORITIES REDELEGATED BY THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
FOR OFFSHORE MINERALS MANAGEMENT

Authority	Citation	Approval Level
3.18 Suspend pipeline operations or right-of-way grants in the OCS.	30 CFR 250.150 (e)(1) & (e)(2)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.19 Direct the conduct of studies of the causes for a suspension or temporary prohibition.	30 CFR 250.10 (h)(1)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.20 Inspect lessee- or permittee-conducted operations and other activities to ensure compliance with controlling laws, lease provisions, and other requirements.	30 CFR 250.5(c) and (d) 282.12	District Supervisor Regional Director
3.21 Validate State-issued leases qualifying under section 6, OCSLA.	30 CFR 256.79	Regional Director
3.22 Receive and accept/reject bids for OCS tracts offered at a lease sale.	30 CFR 256.47 281.20	Regional Director
3.23 Award/issue lease.	30 CFR 256.47 281.21	Regional Director
3.24 Grant variance from required rate of production.	30 CFR 250.172	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.25 Authorize reimbursement of costs to lessees for providing food, quarters, and transportation for MMS personnel and fuel stops for helicopters.	30 CFR 250.21(c) 282.27	Regional Director
3.26 Enforce requirements for marking of equipment.	30 CFR 250.40(c)	District Supervisor
3.27 Approve, disapprove, or require modification of lessee-submitted lease Exploration Plan, including Oil-Spill Contingency Plan.	30 CFR 250.33(i)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.28 Approve, disapprove, or require modification of lessee-submitted Delineation Plan.	30 CFR 282.22	Regional Director
3.29 Approve well-spacing programs.	30 CFR 250.32(a)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.30 Approve, disapprove, or require modification of lessee-submitted lease or unit area Development and Production Plan, including Oil-Spill Contingency Plan.	30 CFR 250.34(1)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)

AUTHORITIES REDELEGATED BY THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR OFFSHORE MINERALS MANAGEMENT

	Authority	Citation	Approval Level
3.31	Approve, disapprove, or require modification of lessee-submitted lease or unit area Development Operations Coordination Document, including Oil-Spill Contingency Plan, for Western Gulf of Mexico.	30 CFR 250.34 (d)(1)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.32	Approve publication of Federal Register Notice announcing the receipt of a Development and Production Plan or a Development Operations Coordination Document.	30 CFR 250.34(g)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.33	Approve, disapprove, or require modification of lessee submitted Testing Plans and Mining Plans.	30 CFR 282.23 282.24	Regional Director
3.34	Approve issuance of Notices to Lessees and Operators (NTL's) transmitting administrative information.	MMSM 640.2	RS/FO
3.35	Approve or prescribe field rules.	30 CFR 250.62	District Supervisor
3.36	Approve methods for disposal of waste materials.	30 CFR 250.40 (b)(2)	District Supervisor
3.37	Amend or cancel requirements set out in field rules.	30 CFR 250.62	District Supervisor
3.38	Investigate major accidents, fires, and major pollution incidents under MMS's jurisdiction and prepare reports.	43 U.S.C. 1348	Regional Director
3.39	Determine that a discovery in paying quantity has been made.	30 CFR 250.11	District Supervisor
3.40	Approve Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells.	30 CFR 250.65(a)	District Supervisor
3.41	Approve platform design and installation and structural modifications to existing platforms.	30 CFR 250.130	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.42	Approve design, fabrication, installation, and modifications to platforms, artificial islands, and other installations and devices permanently or temporarily attached to the seabed.	30 CFR 282.12	Regional Director
3.43	Approve applications for lease term pipelines and pipeline right-of-way.	30 CFR 250.150(b) 250.161(a)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)

AUTHORITIES REDELEGATED BY THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR OFFSHORE MINERALS MANAGEMENT

	Authority	Citation	Approval Level
3.44	Approve applications for right of use and easement.	30 CFR 250.7(a) 282.11(c)30	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC) Regional Director
3.45	Approve applications describing proposed pipeline repair procedures or plan of corrective action.	30 CFR 250.158(e) and (g)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.46	Approve or reject applications for new or modified pipeline rights-of-way.	CFR 250.161 250.163(a)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.47	Approve assignments and applications for relinquishment of pipeline right-of-way grants.	30 CFR 250.163 250.164	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.48	Approve an application for change of use or flow of pipeline.	30 CFR 250.122(e) 250.150(b)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.49	Approve equipment and modifications thereto on platforms, including electrical and production equipment.	30 CFR 250.65 282.12	District Supervisor
3.50	Approve production-measurement equipment.	30 CFR 250.180 (c)(2)(i) 282.12	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC) Regional Director
3.51	Approve welding, burning, and hot tapping plans.	30 CFR 250.52(b)	District Supervisor
3.52	Approve bonds, additional bonds, or termination of bond liability.	30 CFR 256.58 256.61 282.40	Regional Director
3.53	Approve temporary removal of required subsurface safety devices.	30 CFR 250.3 250.121(h)	District Supervisor
3.54	Direct involuntary unitization of lease operations.	30 CFR 250.193 282.11(d)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC) Regional Director
3.55	Approve proposal for voluntary unitization of lease operations.	30 CFR 250.192(a) 282.11(d)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC) Regional Director
3.56	Approve executed unit agreements developed on the approved model unit agreement.	30 CFR 250.192(c)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.57	Approve executed unit agreements developed according to the unit agreement text.	30 CFR 282.11(d)	Regional Director

AUTHORITIES REDELEGATED BY THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR OFFSHORE MINERALS MANAGEMENT

Authority	Citation	Approval Level
3.58 Approve departures from model unit agreement developed for use in unitization of operations on OCS oil and gas leases.	30 CFR 250.192(b)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.59 Approve expansions and contractions of unit areas.	30 CFR 250.190 282.11(d)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC) Regional Director
3.60 Approve amendments to unit agreement where those amendments vary from the provisions of the currently approved model unit agreement for exploration, development, and production from OCS oil and gas leases	30 CFR 250.190	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.61 Approve initial participating areas and revisions thereof.	30 CFR 250.194 282.11(d)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC) Regional Director
3.62 Approve maximum efficient rates of production from reservoirs and maximum production rates of wells.	30 CFR 250.172 (a) and (b)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.63 Authorize production at less than maximum efficient rate.	30 CFR 250.172 (a)(5)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.64 Approve gas flaring, downhole commingling of oil or gas, pressure maintenance, and enhanced recovery operations.	30 CFR 250.175(a) 250.176(a) 250.177(b)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.65 Require revisions to approved Development and Production Plans and Development Operations Coordination Documents.	30 CFR 250.34 (g)(1)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.66 Approve reinjection or subsurface storage of gas.	30 CFR 250.14	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.67 Make drainage determinations and require lessee to protect OCS lease from drainage.	30 CFR 250.32(b)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.68 Make Natural Gas Policy Act determinations.	18 CFR 274.501	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.69 Approve surface commingling of production.	30 CFR 250.18(b)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.70 Issue Notice of Incidents of Noncompliance in drilling and production operations.	30 CFR 250.5	Petroleum Engineering Technician

AUTHORITIES REDELEGATED BY THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR OFFSHORE MINERALS MANAGEMENT

	Authority	Citation	Approval Level
3.71	Issue Notice of Incidents of Noncompliance for pipelines and production measurement facilities.	30 CFR 250.5	Petroleum Engineering Technician
3.72	Approve Applications for Permit to Drill, Form MMS-331C.	30 CFR 250.64	District Supervisor
3.73	Define regional environmental study needs.	30 CFR 256.82	Regional Director
3.74	Approve air quality reviews, determinations, and requirements.	30 CFR 250.45 (b)(1)	RS/PD/ (GOM; RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.75	Approve abandonment of wells.	30 CFR 250.111	District Supervisor
3.76	Approve removal and abandonment of platforms.	30 CFR 250.143 282.22 282.23 282.24	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC) Regional Director
3.77	Approve abandonment of structures on OCS upon termination of rights-of-way grant.	30 CFR 250.159 (c)(9)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC)
3.78	Approve applications for assignments and relinquishments of lease.	30 CFR 256.64 256.76 281.40	RS/LE Regional Director
3.79	Cancel a nonproducing lease or producing lease obtained by fraud or misrepresentation.	30 CFR 256.77(a) and (c)	Regional Director
3.80	Sign categorical exclusion review for pre- and postlease permitting actions.	516 DM 2	RS/LE
3.81	Approve environmental assessments for pre- and postlease permitting actions.	516 DM 3	RS/LE
3.82	Verify production: - Amount - Quality - Reports.	30 CFR 250.180(b) 250.181(b) 282.12(g)	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC) Regional Director
3.83	Approve correspondence prepared in the Region which releases or denies release of records requested or which discloses material exempt under the Freedom of Information Act.	MMSM 316.1	Regional Director
3.84	Approve manner and form in which a lessee will designate an operator.	30 CFR 250.8 282.20	RS/PD (GOM); RS/FO (AK, ATL, PAC) Regional Director

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3.85	Approve scientific and technical documents for publication: a. That originate at Headquarters, except those that express policy or are sensitive in nature. b. Whose scope or interest are solely regional, except those that express policy or are sensitive in nature.	MMSM 600.1 MMSM 600.1	Deputy Associate Director Regional Director (after regional editor is certified)
3.86	Provide response assistance to appropriate officials outside MMS for oil spills and hazardous substances.	218 DM 4	Regional Director
3.87	Give temporary oral approvals before commencing operations.	30 CFR 250.6 282.12	Authorized MMS Official
3.88	Approve required well-control training programs for lessee's personnel.	30 CFR 250.211	Deputy Associate Director for Operations and Safety Management
3.89	Make determination of probable violation may be (or was) a threat of serious irreparable or immediate harm or damage.	30 CFR 250.200 (a)(1)	Regional Director
3.90	Direct preparation of a case file.	30 CFR 250.200 (a)(1)	Regional Director
3.91	Appoint reviewing officers.	30 CFR 250.200 (a)(1)	Regional Director
3.92	Administer oaths and issue subpoenas.	30 CFR 250.200 (a)(4)	Reviewing Officer
3.93	Assess civil penalties.	30 CFR 250.200 (a)(5)	Reviewing Officer
3.94	Approve and certify training programs in well control and protection safety section.	30 CFR 250.211(a)	Chief, Inspection, Compliance and Training Division, Operations and Safety Management
3.95	Approve training programs and implementation plans for well-control training for drilling supervisors.	30 CFR 250.212(j)	Chief, Inspection, Compliance and Training Division, Operations and Safety Management

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3.97 Approval and certification of training programs and implementation plans for training for production safety system personnel.	30 CFR 250.214(d)	Chief, Inspection, Compliance and Training Division, Operations and Safety Management

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