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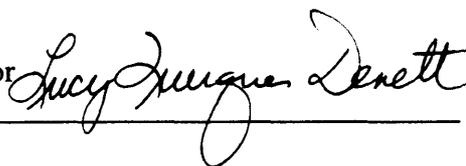
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Part 210.1-H Offshore Program Delegations Handbook
Chapter 1 Offshore Leasing and Operations--Oil, Gas, and Sulphur, and
Chapter 2 Authorities Retained by the Associate Director for Offshore
Minerals Management

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These chapters have been revised to improve program efficiency.

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OPR: Engineering and Operations Division
Offshore Minerals Management

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 <u>Federal Register</u> .	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.	30 CFR 256.49 281.22	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 of Information Act.	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.)

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 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 251.6-2 280.8	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
2.12 Approve bond forms.	30 CFR 251.6-4 256.54 281.33 282.40	Associate Director