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Part 210.1 Special Redelegations
Chapter 1 Offshore Leasing and Operations
Part 210.1-H Offshore Program Delegations

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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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Delegation Series Part 210 Special Redelegations

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 Energy and Minerals Management (AD/OEMM) 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.
   
   


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/OEMM, 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/OEMM.
   
   C. If an authority is not specifically addressed in this chapter or in the handbook, it resides with the AD/OEMM under the general delegation 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 as illustrated in Chapter 1 and 2.

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

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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/OEMM. 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 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 Regulations and Standards Branch, Office of Offshore Energy and Minerals Management, and will be processed according to the MMS directives review and approval procedures.

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