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Environmental Stewardship

Applied Science for Informed Decisions







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Welcome Committee, Partners and Guests

"At BOEM we are not conducting scientific research for the sake of study. Rather, we conduct science to help us make informed and well-balanced decisions. Our *applied science* strengthens BOEM as a responsible ocean energy resource manager and given the scope of our science programs, it also positions us as a key player in future national ocean planning and policy."

Tommy Beaudreau, Director





Our Organization(s)



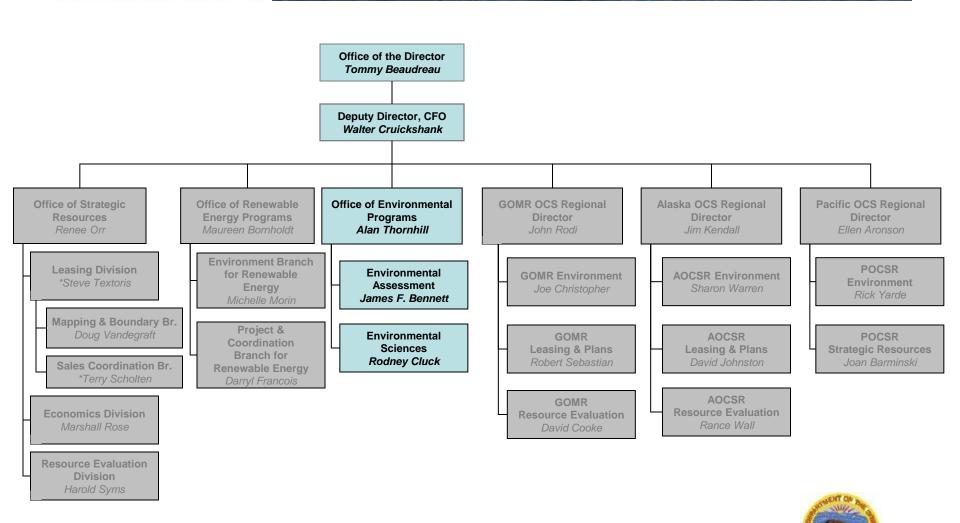
BOEM manages development of the nation's offshore resources in an environmentally and economically responsible way.

BSEE develops and enforces safety and environmental regulations.





Structure of BOEM: Where's the Science?





Scientific & Scholarly Integrity Policy at DOI

"Because robust, high quality science and scholarship play such an important role in advancing the Department's mission, it is vital that we have a strong and clear scientific integrity policy." Interior Secretary, Ken Salazar

Policy in effect February 2011—goals are to ensure DOI:

- Decisions are based on science and scholarship are respected as credible;
- Science is conducted with integrity and excellence;
- Has a culture of scientific and scholarly integrity that is enduring;
- Scientists and scholars are widely recognized for excellence; and
- Employees are proud to uphold the high standards & lead by example.

Applies to EVERYONE!

