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Subject: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Manual Chapter 218.2 Program Delegations and BOEM Program Delegations Handbook 218.2-H

The recent publication of the 218 Departmental Manual (DM) 1 (BOEM-General Program Authority) and 2 (BOEM-General Administrative Delegations) in the Electronic Library of Interior Policies (ELIPS), establishes authorities for BOEM's program and program-related functions.. In accordance with the authorities delegated to BOEM, the Office of Policy, Regulation, and Analysis (OPRA) updated and revised the MMS Manual Chapter Offshore Leasing and Operations Special Redelegations, 2009 (Manual Chapter) and the MMS Offshore Program Delegations Handbook 210.1-H. They are ready for your review and approval.

The updated documents reflect appropriate BOEM approval levels for all activities in the current (2009) Manual Chapter and (2009) Handbook, and they reflect the change in the Bureau name and revisions to the organizational and management structure. Additions include: renewable energy program activities (which were previously published in a separate 2009 memo), an expanded list of renewable energy and environmental program activities as requested by BOEM's Office of Renewable Energy Programs and Office of Environmental Programs, a delegated authority for canceling non-producing renewable energy leases, and changes stemming from the AD06 Leasing Rule effective May 31, 2016. These documents reflect input from BOEM Regional Offices and Program Offices, coordination with the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), and input from the Office of the Solicitor. Coordination of these documents, with BSEE, was conducted in accordance with BOEMM 200.1 on Redelegations and BOEMM 218.2 on BOEM Administrative Delegations of Authority.

The 2017 BOEM Manual Chapter provides the authorities, references, and procedures related to BOEM's program and program-related redelegations. The revised BOEM Handbook provides the authorities, references, and approval levels for program and program-related activities delegated to the BOEM Director. While the Manual Chapter and Handbook provide some cross-references to the 218 DM 1 and 2, the BOEM documents do not list the Secretary's authorities.

OPRA recommends that the Acting Director approve both the updated BOEM Manual Chapter and Handbook. OPRA developed a mechanism to streamline future updates to the Handbook, using a BOEM Form 5100 and process as outlined in the BOEM Delegations of Authority Manual Chapter.

Copies of 218 DM 1 and 2 published by the Department, the new BOEM Form 5100, BOEM Manual Chapter 218.2 Program Delegations and BOEM Program Delegations Handbook 218.2-H, the 2009 MMS Manual Chapter, 2009 MMS Handbook, and the 2009 MMS Renewable Energy delegation memo are attached for background and reference.

Attachments

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**2017**  
**PROGRAM**  
**DELEGATIONS**  
**HANDBOOK**  
(BOEMM 218.2-H)



## FOREWORD

This Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Program Delegations Handbook (Handbook) contains the delegations of authorities for managing and administering BOEM's Programs.

The General Delegations for BOEM are found in the following Department Manual (DM) Chapters:

- A. 218 DM 1 General Program Authority-Outer Continental Shelf
- B. 218 DM 2 General Administrative Delegation


An electronic version of the DM is available via the Electronic Library of the Interior Policies (ELIPS) at <http://elips.doi.gov/elips/>.

With the approval of this Handbook, specific BOEM Program authorities are re-delegated from the Director as shown in Chapter 2. To the extent that this Handbook conflicts with the authorities identified in the DM as being retained at the Department level, the DM controls.

Use the Handbook with the date matching the current calendar year. Also check for program delegation changes approved during the current calendar year, which are listed in the Changed Program Delegations Table on the BOEM website.

A program delegation change is not effective until it is signed by the Director. The process for making those changes is described in BOEMM 218.2, BOEM Program Delegations.

Questions regarding this Handbook or the basic manual chapter on delegations (BOEM Manual 218.2) may be directed to the OPRA Chief or to the OPRA Directives Liaison Officer (DLO).



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## CHAPTER 1 AUTHORITIES DELEGATED TO THE BOEM DIRECTOR

### 1.1 Authorities Retained at the Departmental Level

Most of the authorities retained at the Department level are listed at 218 Department Manual (DM) 1.4. Authorities related to rulemaking that are retained at the Department level are in 318 DM 1, 2, and 3. The clearance required to print delegated and non-delegated Environmental Impact Statements (EISs)<sup>1</sup> is addressed in the most recent Environmental Statement Memorandum from Willie R. Taylor, Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, to Heads of Bureaus and Offices regarding Approving and Filing Environmental Impact Statements (ESM 15-2; Sept. 25, 2015), available on the Department's Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance Resources page at <https://www.doi.gov/oepc/resources>, in the Environmental Memoranda Series.

### 1.2 Authorities Delegated

The BOEM Director is delegated a portion of the Secretary's and the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management's (ASLM's) authority for managing and administering the offshore leasing and operations program in 218 DM 1. Delegations for the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement are found in 219 DM 1. The Secretary and the ASLM have chosen to retain certain authorities (see above 1.1 Authorities Retained at the Departmental Level). Only the authorities delegated to the Director may be further delegated to other officials within BOEM, consistent with this Handbook.

Appendix 1-1 of this chapter lists authorized activities that require the approval of the BOEM Director.

### 1.3 Re-delegations

The BOEM Deputy Director can exercise all of the powers and authority of the BOEM Director. These authorities may be further delegated unless re-delegation is specifically prohibited or limited. (See BOEM Manual (BOEMM) 218.2 for procedures to request delegation of authorities and revisions of the BOEMM, including this Handbook.)

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<sup>1</sup> The Department's Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance (OEP) Environmental Statement Memorandum (ESM) No. ESM-13-2 *Approving and Filing Environmental Impact Statements* defines a delegated EIS as "an EIS for which the decision authority on the proposed action is delegated to a single Assistant Secretary or a subordinate officer." The ESM-13-2 defines a non-delegated EIS as "an EIS for which anyone of the following applies:

- the decision authority on the proposed action requires the approval of more than one Assistant Secretary (or bureaus under more than one Assistant Secretary),
- the decision authority is reserved or elevated to the Secretary (or Office of the Secretary) by expressed interest of the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, the Chief of Staff, the Solicitor or the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, or
- it is so designated at the discretion of the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, or the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget."

## 1.4 Acronyms for Chapter 1

ASLM	Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
BOEMM	BOEM Manual
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DOI	Department of the Interior
DM	Departmental Manual
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ESM	Environmental Statement Memorandum
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NTL	Notice to Lessees and Operators
OCS	Outer Continental Shelf
OCSLA	Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
OEPC	Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
OSFR	Oil Spill Financial Responsibility
ROD	Record of Decision
RUE	Right-of-Use and Easement
U.S.C.	United States Code

## CHAPTER 2 AUTHORITIES DELEGATED BY THE DIRECTOR

### 2.1 Authorities Delegated

The authorities in Appendix 2-1 of this chapter are delegated by the BOEM Director.

### 2.2 Re-delegations

These authorities may be further delegated. (See BOEMM 218.2 for procedures to request revisions to this handbook.)



### 2.3 Acronyms for Chapter 2

DEA	Division of Environmental Assessment
CEO	Chief Environmental Officer
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
COP	Construction and Operations Plan
CVA	Certified Verification Agent
CZM	Coastal Zone Management Act
DOCD	Development Operations Coordination Document
DPP	Development and Production Plan
EA	Environmental Assessment
EAS	Environmental Assessment Section
EP	Exploration Plan
FONNSI	Finding of No New Significant Impact
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
GAP	General Activities Plan
OPA	Oil Pollution Act
OCO	Office of Communications (Departmental)
OPRA	Office of Policy, Regulation and Analysis
OREP	Office of Renewable Energy Programs
OSFR	Oil Spill Financial Responsibility
OSR	Office of Strategic Resources Programs
RD	Regional Director <sup>2</sup>
ROW	Right-of-Way
RS	Regional Supervisor <sup>3</sup>
SAP	Site Assessment Plan
US EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency

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<sup>2</sup> For renewable energy activities on the Atlantic OCS, OREP currently functions as the Regional Office and the OREP Program Manager will function as the Regional Director. For marine minerals such as sand, gravel and shell resources, OSR currently functions as the Regional Office and the OSR Chief will function as the Regional Director for projects on the Atlantic OCS. For oil, gas and sulfur activities, the Regional Director in the Gulf of Mexico will function as the Regional Director for such activities on the Atlantic OCS.

<sup>3</sup> For renewable energy activities on the Atlantic OCS, OREP currently functions as the Regional Office and OREP Branch Chiefs will function as the Regional Supervisors.

## Appendix 1-1 Authorities Retained at the BOEM Director Level

**Table 1-1 Director's Authorities: Leasing and Operations Related to Oil, Gas and Sulfur<sup>4</sup>**

Row #	Topic Related to Oil and Gas or Sulfur Leasing and Operations	Approval Level	Citation(s)
1.1	Sign and issue Federal Register notices for Calls for Information and Nominations.	Director	30 CFR 556.301 30 CFR 556.302
1.2	Issue the area identification for oil, gas or sulfur lease sales (but see limitations in 218 DM 1.4).	Director	30 CFR 556.302
1.3	Sign and issue the Federal Register notices for Proposed and Final Notices of Sale related to oil, gas or sulfur leasing (but see limitations in 218 DM 1.4).	Director	30 CFR 556.304 30 CFR 556.308
1.4	Defer cash bonus payment subject to Secretarial approval.	Director	30 CFR 556.520(b) 218 DM 1.4G
1.5	Reconsider (affirm or reverse) the rejection by the authorized officer of oil and gas bids. [Pursuant to Table 2-6 below, the RD is delegated authority to act as the "authorized officer".]	Director	30 CFR 556.500(e) 30 CFR 556.517(b)
1.6	Approve the lease forms for oil, gas or sulfur leases.	Director	30 CFR 556.522
1.7	Enter into agreements with States with respect to data sharing related to oil and gas leasing.	Director	43 U.S.C. §1336 43 U.S.C. § 1345(e) 30 CFR 552.5 30 CFR 552.7
1.8	Authorize compensation to oil and gas lessees for cancellation of leases.	Director	30 CFR 550.184

**Table 1-2. Director's Authorities: Leasing and Operations Related to Minerals other than Oil, Gas or Sulfur**

Row #	Topics Related to Minerals Other than Oil, Gas and Sulfur Leasing and Operations	Approval Level	Citation(s)
1.9	Issue Requests for Information regarding indications of interest for mineral production on the OCS.	Director	30 CFR 581.12
1.10	Accept or reject an unsolicited request for a lease sale for minerals other than oil and gas or sulfur	Director	30 CFR 581.11
1.11	Sign Leasing Notices and issue relevant Federal	Director	30 CFR 581.16

<sup>4</sup> Although parts of BOEM's CFR still maintain the use of the older spelling (Sulphur), the Leasing Rule, which was published and codified in 2016, included the word "sulfur". This Handbook includes the modern spelling throughout the document as "sulphur" and "sulfur" are interchangeable and for consistency.

Row #	Topics Related to Minerals Other than Oil, Gas and Sulfur Leasing and Operations	Approval Level	Citation(s)
	Register Notices.		30 CFR 581.17 218 DM 1.1E
1.12	Enter into agreements with States for settlement of jurisdictional controversies.	Director	30 CFR 581.9 30 CFR 582.7
1.13	Recommend to the Secretary areas for exploration, testing, and mining operations together with associated environmental protection measures, handling, measurement, and transportation, or RUEs.	Director	30 CFR 581.14
1.14	Approve lease forms for minerals other than oil and gas or sulfur.	Director	30 CFR 581.22
1.15	Authorize compensation after cancellation of leases for minerals other than oil and gas or sulfur.	Director	30 CFR 581.47(d) 30 CFR 582.15(d)
1.16	Confirm or reverse rejections of bids.	Director	30 CFR 581.21

**Table 1-3. Director’s Authorities: Leasing and Operations Related to Renewable Energy**

Row #	Topic Related to Renewable Energy Leasing and Operations	Approval Level	Citation(s)
1.17	Determine appropriate lease size (area of lease) for both competitive and noncompetitive leases.	Director	30 CFR 585.206
1.18	Identify areas for environmental analysis and consideration for leasing (Area Identification).	Director	30 CFR 585.211(b)
1.19	Issue Federal Register Notices related to renewable energy leasing, other than Information Collection.	Director	30 CFR 585.116, .210, .211, .231, .306, .308, .1007 218 DM 1.1E
1.20	At request of bidder, confirm or reverse rejection of bid.	Director	30 CFR 585.118(c) 30 CFR 585.225(b)
1.21	Approve renewable energy lease rent.	Director	585.505(a)
1.22	Determine the operating fee.	Director	30 CFR 585.506(c)
1.23	Reduce or waive the rent or operating fee.	Director	30 CFR 585.510

**Table 1-4. Director’s Authorities: Multi-Program-Related Authorities**

Row #	Topic Related to Leasing and Operations for Multiple Programs	Approval Level	Citation(s)
1.24	Approve, sign, and issue National NTLs. Approve Regional NTLs (see 2.110).	Director	30 CFR 550.103 30 CFR part 585
1.25	Determine the manner and form for transmittal of	Director	30 CFR 550.197

Row #	Topic Related to Leasing and Operations for Multiple Programs	Approval Level	Citation(s)
	proprietary oil, gas, sulfur and/or marine minerals data and information to the public and to affected States.		30 CFR 552.7 30 CFR 582.6
1.26	Recommend to the DOI OCO approval of scientific and technical documents prepared by BOEM for publication which: are sensitive in nature, include a Secretarial or Assistant Secretarial message, or have policy implications or a national scope or interest. (The DOI OCO Chief has been delegated approval authority pursuant to 470 DM1.6 A)	Director	BOEMM 600.1 BOEMM 600.2 1.6H(1), 1.5B (11) and 1.5C(5).

**Table 1-5. Director’s Authorities: Environmental Decisions**

Row #	Topic	Approval Level	Citation(s)
1.27	Approve/Sign/Issue a <i>Federal Register Notice</i> required by NEPA.	Director	516 DM 3.4(A) 516 DM 15.2(A) 318 DM 3.7
1.28	Approve for publication a Delegated <sup>5</sup> Lease Sale EIS. <sup>6</sup>	Director	218 DM 1.1(E) 516 DM 15.2(A)
1.29	Approve/Sign a ROD related to a Delegated EIS (except for a Lease Sale EIS, which is reserved to the Assistant Secretary in 218 DM 1).	Director	218 DM 1.1(A) 516 DM 15.2(A)
1.30	Approve annual National Studies List.	Director	30 CFR 556.1300

<sup>5</sup> See Section 1.1. of this Handbook regarding delegated and non-delegated EISs.

<sup>6</sup> The authority to approve publication of an EIS does not include authority to sign the ROD unless specifically stated. Authorities related to EISs apply to draft, final and supplemental EISs.

## Appendix 2-1 Authorities Delegated by the Director

**Table 2-1. Authorities Delegated Below Director-Level: Oil and Gas**

Row #	Topic Related to Oil and Gas or Sulfur Leasing and Operations	Approval Level	Citation(s)
2.1	Disapprove or revoke operator's designation for unacceptable operating performance.	RD	30 CFR 550.135 30 CFR 550.136
2.2	Approve requests for alternate procedures or equipment.	RS	30 CFR 550.141
2.3	Approve requests for departures from operating requirements.	RS	30 CFR 550.142
2.4	Approve designations of operator.	RS	30 CFR 550.143(a)
2.5	Approve applications for RUEs.	RS	30 CFR 550.160
2.6	Authorize release of high-resolution data information submitted to BOEM in less than 60 days, if it is needed by affected States to make determinations under exploration or development and production plans.	RS	30 CFR 550.197(b)(2)
2.7	Approve well locations and spacing in plans.	RS	30 CFR 550.203
2.8	Approve, disapprove, or require modification of an EP submitted for approval.	RS	30 CFR 550.201 30 CFR 550.233 30 CFR 550.234
2.9	Approve, disapprove, or require modification of a DPP in any region, or a DOCD (which is only used in the Western Gulf of Mexico).	RS	30 CFR 550.201 30 CFR 550.270 30 CFR 550.273
2.10	Require revisions or supplementation to approved DPPs and DOCDs.	RS	30 CFR 550.283 30 CFR 550.284 30 CFR 550.285
2.11	Appoint reviewing officer to review violations and assess for civil penalties.	RD	30 CFR 550.1400
2.12	Approve permits, and extensions or revisions of permits, for geological and geophysical exploration activities for oil, gas or sulfur resources, including those that involve deep stratigraphic test wells.	RS	30 CFR 551.5 30 CFR 551.7(b)
2.13	Temporarily stop or cancel a permittee's geological and geological exploration, prospecting, or scientific research.	RD	30 CFR 551.9
2.14	Approve permittee requests for reimbursement for processing and reproduction costs of geological and geophysical data submitted.	RD	30 CFR 551.13
2.15	Issue public announcements when any significant hydrocarbon occurrences or environmental hazards are detected on unleased	RD	30 CFR 551.14(a)(4)

Row #	Topic Related to Oil and Gas or Sulfur Leasing and Operations	Approval Level	Citation(s)
	lands during drilling operations associated with permitted G&G exploration.		
2.16	Transmit proprietary information under a geological and geophysical permit to affected States.	RD	30 CFR 551.14(d)
2.17	Approve publications of Summary Reports and Indices of OCS Information.	RD	30 CFR 552.4 30 CFR 552.5 30 CFR 556.300
2.18	Require persons other than the Designated Applicants to demonstrate OSFR.	RD	30 CFR 553.11(e)
2.19	Make OSFR determination of applicability.	RD	30 CFR 553.12
2.20	Accept alternative methods to demonstrate oil spill financial responsibility (OSFR).	RD	30 CFR 553.32
2.21	Accept insurance certificates of OSFR under OPA.	RD	30 CFR 553.29
2.22	Approve OSFR evidence and OSFR demonstration.	RD	30 CFR 553.40 30 CFR 553.43
2.23	Refuse to accept OSFR evidence or invalidate OSFR demonstration.	RD	30 CFR 553.50
2.24	Determine date of an OSFR noncompliance.	RD	30 CFR 553.51(b)
2.25	Assess civil penalties for failure to maintain sufficient bond coverage.	RD	30 CFR 556.900 (h)
2.26	Initiate consultations with affected States on leasing matters, including matters under OCSLA sections 8(g) and 19(e), and on areas believed to have oil or gas pools or fields underlying both the OCS and lands under State jurisdiction and transmit information to Governors to identify areas within 3 miles of a State seaward boundary under consideration for leasing. [Subject to Director’s authority to enter into agreements with affected States.]	RD	43 U.S.C. § 1337(g) 43 U.S.C. § 1345 30 CFR 556.303 30 CFR 556.306
2.27	Accept or reject bids for OCS tracts offered at lease sales.	RD	30 CFR 556.500(e) 30 CFR 556.516 30 CFR 556.517
2.28	Issue leases.	RD	30 CFR 556.520
2.29	Accept bonds, require additional security, terminate period of bond liability, accept alternative security instruments instead of a bond, cancel a bond, or call for forfeiture of a bond or other security instrument.	RD	30 CFR 556.900 to 30 CFR 556.907
2.30	Approve or deny applications to transfer record title interest.	RD	30 CFR 556.701 through 556.716
2.31	Approve or deny applications to create a	RD	30 CFR 556.800



Row #	Topic Related to Oil and Gas or Sulfur Leasing and Operations	Approval Level	Citation(s)
	sublease of, or transfer, operating rights interest.		through 556.810
2.32	Accept relinquishments of leases.	RD	30 CFR 556.1101
2.33	Cancel any noncompliant and non-producing lease, or any producing or nonproducing lease obtained by fraud or misrepresentation or initiate action to cancel a lease for failure to replace a deficient bond or to provide additional bond coverage upon demand.	RD	30 CFR 556.900(h)(3) 30 CFR 556.1102

**Table 2-2. Authorities Delegated below Director-Level: Leasing and Operations Related to Minerals other than Oil, Gas or Sulfur**

Row #	Topics Related to Minerals Other than Oil, Gas and Sulfur Leasing and Operations	Approval Level	Citation(s)
2.34	Execute negotiated agreements for the use of sand, gravel and shell resources.	RD	43 U.S.C. § 1337 (k)(2)(A)(i)
2.35	Approve/issue or deny permits, and approve or deny extensions of permits, for geological and geophysical exploration activities for mineral resources, including those that involve deep stratigraphic test wells or scientific research activities.	RS	30 CFR 580.10 30 CFR 580.11 30 CFR 580.12 30 CFR 580.22
2.36	Temporarily stop or cancel permits to conduct geological and geological exploration, prospecting, or scientific research activities on unleased OCS lands.	RD	30 CFR 580.25 30 CFR 580.27
2.37	Approve or disapprove permittee requests for reimbursement for processing and reproduction costs of geological and geophysical data submitted.	RD	30 CFR 580.60 30 CFR 580.61
2.38	Accept or reject bids for leases.	RD	30 CFR 581.21
2.39	Award/issue leases.	RD	30 CFR 581.21
2.40	Approve or disapprove request for assignment or transfer of leases or lease interests.	RD	30 CFR 581.40 30 CFR 581.41
2.41	Accept a written relinquishment from all record title holders after the lessee has met the relinquishment requirements	RD	30 CFR 581.46
2.42	Cancel non-producing leases for minerals other than oil and gas or sulfur.	RD	30 CFR 581.47 30 CFR 582.15
2.43	Notify State Governors and other stakeholders of proposed activities in Delineation, Testing or Mining Plans.	RD	30 CFR 582.4

Row #	Topics Related to Minerals Other than Oil, Gas and Sulfur Leasing and Operations	Approval Level	Citation(s)
2.44	Approve applications for RUEs.	RS	30 CFR 582.11(c)
2.45	Approve, disapprove, or require modifications of lessee-submitted Delineation Plans, Testing Plans, and Mining Plans.	RS	30 CFR 582.12 30 CFR 582.22-582.24 30 CFR 582.28
2.46	Require collection of additional environmental baseline data prior to approval of a proposed Delineation, Testing or Mining plan and require modifications of environmental monitoring programs.	RS	30 CFR 582.28(b)
2.47	Issue an oral or written notice of noncompliance to a lessee and order the lessee to take immediate and appropriate remedial action.	RS	30 CFR 582.14
2.48	Approve a Contingency Plan or require modification of a Contingency Plan.	RS	30 CFR 582.26

**Table 2-3. Authorities Delegated below Director-Level: Leasing and Operations Related to Renewable Energy**

Row #	Topic Related to Renewable Energy Leasing and Operations	Approval Level	Citation(s)
2.49	Determine whether or not there is a competitive interest in leasing or obtaining a ROW or RUE grant in a particular area of the OCS	RD	30 CFR 585.210, 585.231(b), 585.307
2.50	Establish policy for setting all subject fee rates applicable to renewable energy cost recovery activities.	RD	30 CFR 585.102(d)
2.51	Provide coordination and consultation with the Governor of any State or the executive of any local government that may be affected by a lease, easement, or right-of-way.	RD	30 CFR 585.102(e)
2.52	Prescribe or approve departures from the operating requirements of 30 CFR part 585.	RD	30 CFR 585.103
2.53	Determine, after notice and opportunity for hearing, that a person may not hold a lease or grant.	RD	30 CFR 585.106(b)
2.54	Determine whether an applicant is technically and financially capable to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission its proposed project.	RD	30 CFR 585.107
2.55	Determine how and when to impose a processing fee.	RD	30 CFR 585.111(a)
2.56	Award/issue leases on a competitive basis.	RD	30 CFR 585.224

Row #	Topic Related to Renewable Energy Leasing and Operations	Approval Level	Citation(s)
2.57	Reject a high bid.	RD	30 CFR 585.222(a) 30 CFR 585.225(a)
2.58	Issue noncompetitive OCS leases on a case-by-case basis, after approval by the Director.	RD	30 CFR 585.231 30 CFR 585.238(d)
2.59	Conduct a competitive auction and award/issue competitive ROW grants and RUE grants.	RD	30 CFR 585.308
2.60	Award/Issue a noncompetitive ROW or RUE grant for renewable energy activities.	RD	30 CFR 585.309
2.61	Approve designation of an operator on behalf of lessees or a change in operator.	RD	30 CFR 585.405
2.62	Approve assignment of all or part of lease or grant interest.	RD	30 CFR 585.409
2.63	Determine or adjust the amount of the SAP, COP and decommissioning financial assurance requirements on a case-by-case basis; approve or deny a request for reduced financial assurance.	RD	30 CFR 585.517 30 CFR 585.520(b)(1) 30 CFR 585.521
2.64	Approve the form of bonds and other types of financial assurance.	RD	30 CFR 585.525(b) 30 CFR 585.526(a)
2.65	Approve or terminate the ability of a lessee or operator to use a determination of financial strength and reliability to meet financial assurance requirements.	RD	30 CFR 585.527
2.66	Approve/revoke a third party guarantee to meet financial assurance requirements.	RD	30 CFR 585.528
2.67	Authorize a lessee to establish a lease, ROW grant, or RUE grant-specific decommissioning account in a federally insured institution.	RD	30 CFR 585.529(a)
2.68	Estimate costs of decommissioning, including site clearance.	RD	30 CFR 585.529(a)(2)
2.69	Authorize that interest in a decommissioning account may be paid to the depositor.	RD	30 CFR 585.529(b)
2.70	Allow lessee to pledge Treasury securities payable to BOEM to satisfy obligations to make payments into the decommissioning account.	RD	30 CFR 585.529(c)
2.71	Require the lessee to commit a specified stream of revenues as payment into the decommissioning account.	RD	30 CFR 585.529(d)
2.72	Terminate the period of liability under a bond, release or cancel a bond, if (a) a replacement bond or other financial assurance instrument is obtained and approved; or (b) if the requirements in 30 CFR 585.534 are met.	RD	30 CFR 585.532(b) 30 CFR 585.533(a) 30 CFR 585.534
2.73	Reduce the amount of the lessee's bond or return a portion of the lessee's financial assurance if it	RD	30 CFR 585.533(b)(3)

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	is determined that less than the full amount of the bond or financial assurance is required.		
2.74	Call for forfeiture of all or part of a bond or pledged security or other form of guaranty.	RD	30 CFR 585.535(a) 30 CFR 585.536
2.75	Take or direct action to obtain full compliance and recover all costs in excess of the forfeited bond.	RD	30 CFR 585.537(b)
2.76	Determine if facility or facilities are complex or significant for renewable energy activities.	RD	30 CFR 585.613(a)(1)
2.77	Approve, disapprove, or approve with modifications a SAP or revised SAP.	RD	30 CFR 585.613(e) 30 CFR 585.617(e)
2.78	Determine whether proposed activities are authorized in the SAP or require revisions.	RD	30 CFR 585.617
2.79	Determine if facilities may remain in place after decommissioning.	RD	30 CFR 585.618(c)
2.80	Approve, disapprove or approve with modifications a COP or revised COP.	RD	30 CFR 585.628 30 CFR 585.633 30 CFR 585.634
2.81	Determine whether proposed activities are authorized in the COP or require revisions.	RD	30 CFR 585.634(a)
2.82	Approve, disapprove, or approve with modifications a GAP or revised GAP.	RD	30 CFR 585.648 30 CFR 585.655(e)
2.83	Determine whether proposed activities are authorized in the GAP or require revisions.	RD	30 CFR 585.655(a)
2.84	Determine if construction of a cable or pipeline deviates from a plan and require any necessary modifications to lease or grant.	RD	30 CFR 585.658(b)
2.85	Approve air quality modeling and plan in support of proposed SAP, COP or GAP for areas in the OCS subject to BOEM's air quality jurisdiction.	RD	30 CFR 585.659
2.86	Notify lessees on how to proceed in case of discovery of a potential archaeological resource.	RD	30 CFR 585.802(a)(3)
2.87	Require additional archaeological investigations after discovery of a potential archaeological resource.	RD	30 CFR 585.802(b)
2.88	Assess and require payment of reasonable costs for BOEM's costs in carrying out preservation responsibilities.	RD	30 CFR 585.802(d)
2.89	Require additional information surveys to define boundaries and avoidance distances for essential fish habitat in habitat areas of particular concern when needed.	RD	30 CFR 585.803(b)
2.90	Require remedies for equipment proposed for removal from service, including ordering the	RD	30 CFR 585.813(a)

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	removal or replacement of equipment or facilities.		
2.91	Require operator to analyze cause of cable, pipeline or facility damage or failure and submit a comprehensive report, when needed.	RD	30 CFR 583.815
2.92	Approve a request for reimbursement for costs incurred by the operator/lessee for inspection activities.	RD	30 CFR 585.823
2.93	Issue a notice of noncompliance.	RD	30 CFR 585.400(b)
2.94	Direct immediate remedial action.	RD	30 CFR 585.400(e)
2.95	Assess civil penalties for failure to comply and correct deficiencies.	RD	30 CFR 585.400(f)
2.96	Order a suspension of a lease or grant.	RD	30 CFR 585.415(a)(2) 30 CFR 585.417
2.97	Authorize activities on a lease or grant during a period of suspension and the conditions for resuming activities.	RD	30 CFR 585.415(c)
2.98	Approve a request for suspension of operations.	RD	30 CFR 585.415(a)(1) 30 CFR 585.416
2.99	Set the term of a renewal on a case-by-case basis.	RD	30 CFR 585.427
2.100	Call for forfeiture of financial assurance for failure to comply with an approved decommissioning plan or application.	RD	30 CFR 585.433(c)(1)
2.101	Approve an application for relinquishment of a lease.	RD	30 CFR 585.435
2.102	Cancel a non-producing renewable energy lease or grant.	RD	30 CFR 585.437
2.103	Approve a departure from any decommissioning requirements.	RD	30 CFR 585.103
2.104	Authorize request to allow facilities to remain in place following termination of a lease or grant.	RD	30 CFR 585.618
2.105	Authorize a request for an Alternative Use RUE.	RD	30 CFR 585.1006(a)
2.106	Authorize assignment of an Alternate Use RUE.	RD	30 CFR 585.1013
2.107	Call for forfeiture of bond or other financial guarantee if decommissioning requirements are not satisfied.	RD	30 CFR 585.1019



**Table 2-4. Authorities below Director: Multi-Program-Related Authorities**

Row #	Topic Related to Leasing and Operations for Multiple Programs	Approval Level	Citation(s)
2.108	Sign the lease sale Consistency Determination sent to the CZMA States.	RD	16 U.S.C. 1456 (c); 30 CFR 556.305 30 CFR 585.211
2.109	Sign and Issue Regional NTLs (subject to approval by Director).	RD	30 CFR 550.103 30 CFR part 585
2.110	Approve BOEM-wide bond forms.	Chief, OPRA	30 CFR 551.7(d)(4) 30 CFR 556.902, 30 CFR 581.33 30 CFR 582.40
2.111	Approve <i>Federal Register</i> Notices pertaining to Paperwork Reduction Act information collection activities.	Chief, OPRA	BOEMM 218.1.4 (A)(2) BOEMM 630.1.6
2.112	Approve OCS cadastre, generate official protraction diagrams, leasing maps, and block diagrams used in describing and depicting the offshore submerged public lands of the United States.	Chief, OSR	30 CFR 550.400 30 CFR 585.205
2.113	Approve scientific and technical documents for publication that originate at Headquarters, except those that express policy, contain a Secretarial or Assistant Secretarial message, are of national scope or interest, or are sensitive in nature.	CEO	BOEMM 600.1 and 600.2 470 DM1.6A, 1.6H(1),1.5B (11) and 1.5C(5)
2.114	Approve scientific and technical documents for publication that originate in the Regions, whose scope or interest is solely regional, except those that express policy, contain a Secretarial or Assistant Secretarial message, or are sensitive in nature.	RD	BOEMM 600.1 and 600.2, 470 DM1.6 A, 1.6H(1), and 1.5B (11) and 1.5C(5)

**Table 2-5. Authorities below Director: Environmental Decisions**

Row #	Topic	Approval Level	Citation(s)
2.115	Make air quality determinations in portions of OCS subject to BOEM’s air quality jurisdiction.	RS	30 CFR 550.303(b)(1)
2.116	Accept, reject, or require modification of environmental reports for geological and geophysical permit applications involving deep stratigraphic test wells.	RS	30 CFR 551.7(b)(2) 30 CFR 580.12(c-d)
2.117	Approve initiation of consultation with State and Federal agencies and evaluate activities that	CEO	30 CFR 585.801(d)(2)



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	could directly or indirectly affect threatened or endangered species for national or multi-regional decisions.		30 CFR 550.227(a)(3)
2.118	Approve initiation of consultation with State and Federal agencies and evaluate activities that could directly or indirectly affect threatened or endangered species for regional decisions.	RD	30 CFR 585.801(d)(2) 30 CFR 550.227(a)(3)
2.119	Make a Determination to Prepare a Delegated EIS.	CEO and RD <sup>7</sup>	516 DM 3.4(A)(4) 516 DM 15.2
2.120	Approve for publication a Delegated EIS, except a Lease Sale EIS.	CEO and RD <sup>8</sup>	516 DM 3.4(A) 516 DM 15.2
2.121	Sign categorical exclusion reviews related to rulemaking and actions approved or authorized at the national or headquarters level.	Chief, DEA	516 DM 3.4(A)(3)
2.122	Sign categorical exclusion reviews related to actions approved or authorized at the regional level.	RS	516 DM 3.4(A)(3)
2.123	Approve for publication a Delegated EA related to rulemakings or actions approved or authorized at the national level.	Chief, DEA	516 DM 3.4(A)(4)
2.124	Approve for publication a Delegated EA related to region-specific actions, including leasing, permitting, plans, or related actions.	RS	516 DM 3.4(A)(4)
2.125	Sign the FONSI or FONNSI for EAs prepared for actions, including rulemakings, approved or authorized at the national level.	Chief, DEA	516 DM 3.4(A)(4)
2.126	Sign the FONSI or FONNSI for EAs prepared for region-specific actions, including lease sales, permits, and/or plans.	RS	516 DM 3.4(A)(4)
2.127	Sign a determination of NEPA Adequacy and related to rulemakings or actions approved or authorized at the national level.	Chief, DEA	516 DM 3.4(A) and 516 DM 15.2(D)
2.128	Sign a determination of NEPA Adequacy and related documentation for region-specific actions, including actions on lease sales, permits, and/or plans.	RS	516 DM 3.4(A) and 516 DM 15.2(D)
2.129	Sign the Memorandum of Understanding for a Cooperating Agency Agreement related to national or headquarters-administered NEPA or other environmental actions.	CEO	43 CFR 46.225 BOEMM 205.25 BOEMM 218.1.10
2.130	Sign the Memorandum of Understanding for a	RD	43 CFR 46.225

<sup>7</sup> The joint decision was introduced by the BOEM RDs to provide coherency across BOEM Regions.

<sup>8</sup> See footnote 7.

<b>Row #</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Approval Level</b>	<b>Citation(s)</b>
	Cooperating Agency Agreement related to regional-administered NEPA or other environmental actions.		BOEMM 205.25 BOEMM 218.1.10



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OPRA-C	2 - Appropriate Action	11/23/2015		07/29/2016
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SOL-DMR-BOR- Cason.s Susan Cason	16 - Surname through DTS	08/01/2016		08/11/2016
SOL-DMR-BOR- Hearne.m Melissa Hearne	16 - Surname through DTS	08/22/2016		08/24/2016
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OPRA-PCEA Alexandra Ritchie	2 - Appropriate Action	11/30/2016		12/07/2016
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