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1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this Interim Policy Document (IPD) is to provide redelegations of authority for renewable energy activities on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).
2. **Scope.** This IPD applies to all Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) employees responsible for preparing, obtaining, and providing approval of renewable energy activities on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).
3. **Objective.** This IPD redelegates authorities in BOEM Manual (BOEMM) 281.2-H, Program Delegations Handbook, for renewable energy activities on the Atlantic OCS from the Office of Renewable Energy Programs (OREP) Chief (Program Manager), who serves in a Regional Director capacity over the Atlantic OCS, to the newly created position of OREP Deputy Chief, Atlantic OCS Operations. Select additional authorities are redelegated to the OREP Branch Chiefs, who serve in Regional Supervisor capacities over the Atlantic OCS.
4. **Authority.**
 - A. 200 Departmental Manual (DM) 1-3, "General Provisions."
 - C. 218 DM 1, "General Program Authority - Outer Continental Shelf."
5. **Reference.**
 - A. BOEMM 218.2, "Program Delegations."
 - B. BOEMM 218.2-H, "Program Delegations Handbook."
6. **Policy.**
 - A. OREP Deputy Chief, Atlantic OCS Operations. Per BOEMM 218.2-H, for renewable energy activities on the Atlantic OCS, OREP currently functions as the Regional Office and the OREP Chief (Program Manager) functions as the Regional Director. This IPD redelegates the authorities of the OREP Chief for renewable energy activities on the Atlantic OCS listed in BOEMM 218.2-H to the OREP Deputy Chief, Atlantic OCS Operations.

B. OREP Branch Chiefs. Per BOEMM 218.2-H, for renewable energy activities on the Atlantic OCS, OREP currently functions as the Regional Office and the OREP Branch Chiefs function as the Regional Supervisors. This IPD redelegates the below selected authorities of the OREP Chief (functioning as Regional Director) for renewable energy activities on the Atlantic OCS listed in BOEMM 218.2-H to the OREP Branch Chiefs (functioning as Regional Supervisors).

Row #	Topic
2.54	Determine whether an applicant is technically and financially capable to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission its proposed project.
2.61	Approve designation of an operator on behalf of lessees or a change in operator.
2.63	Determine or adjust the amount of the Site Assessment Plan (SAP), Construction and Operations Plan (COP), and decommissioning financial assurance requirements on a case-by-case basis; approve or deny a request for reduced financial assurance. <i>*Redelegation applies only for SAP decommissioning cost estimates.</i>
2.64	Approve the forms of bonds and other types of financial assurance. <i>*Redelegation applies only for 100% bonds or Treasury Notes.</i>
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.
2.73	Reduce the amount of a lessee's bond or return a portion of the lessee's financial assurance if it is determined that less than the full amount of the bond or financial assurance is required.
2.76	Determine if facility or facilities are complex or significant for renewable energy activities.
2.108	Sign the lease sale Consistency Determination sent to Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) States.
2.130	Sign the Memorandum of Understanding for a Cooperating Agency Agreement related to regional-administered National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) or other environmental actions.

7. **Cancellation.** This IPD will remain in effect until incorporated into the BOEMM.

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