

**Minerals Management Service
Interim Policy Document**

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Originating Office: Office of the Associate Director for Administration and Budget

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Interim Policy Document (IPD) is to officially amend specific delegations of authority for the Minerals Management Service (MMS).

2. Scope. The Director has determined the levels of authority and whether the delegations are permanent or temporary. The permanent delegations will be incorporated into the appropriate MMS Manual (MMSM) chapters. The temporary delegations are in effect only as long as the Director is serving in the official capacity of Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management (AS-LM). The temporary delegations are rescinded immediately upon termination of the Director serving as the Acting AS-LM.

3. Authority. Departmental Manual 218.8, General Administrative Delegations, Minerals Management Service.

4. References.

A. MMSM 200.1, Delegation Series, Delegation Policy, Redelegations.

B. MMSM 210.1, Chapter 1, Offshore Leasing and Operations and Offshore Program Delegations Handbook.

C. MMSM 218, Special Redelegations, Chapter 1, Administration, and MMSM 218.1, Administrative Delegations of Authority – Handbook.

D. MMSM 220, Special Redelegations, Chapter 1, Royalty Management Program, and 220.1, Royalty Management Program – Handbook.

5. Redefinition of Authority. The following chart shows the specific authorities redelegated by the Director, the designated approving officials, and the status of the delegations:

Authority	Delegated Approving Official and Status of Delegation
Determine whether eligible refiners have access to adequate supplies of crude oil at equitable prices, elect to take royalty oil in kind, and sell royalty oil to eligible refiners.	Deputy Director, Francis Hodsoll approves – Temporary
Approve settlements on behalf of the MMS on royalty-related administrative litigation pending before the Department, and on judicial litigation.	<p>\$999,999 and less: Associate Director for Minerals Revenue Management approves – Permanent</p> <p>\$1 million to \$9,999,999: Deputy Director, Francis Hodsoll approves – Temporary</p> <p>\$10 million and above Director approves.</p>
Approve rules and publish in Federal Register.	This delegation is retained with the Director. However, the Deputy Director surnames for the Director and the rules are forwarded directly to AS-LM for approval – Temporary.
A-130 Certification and Accreditation.	<p>Associate Director for Administration and Budget certifies – Permanent</p> <p>Deputy Director approves the Accreditation – Temporary</p>
Make determinations to prepare Environmental Impact Statement for leasing-related actions.	Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management (AD-OMM) – Permanent
Make determinations on manner and form of transmittal of proprietary information to the public and affected States.	AD-OMM makes determinations – Permanent
Approve mineral lease forms.	AD-OMM approves – Temporary
Approve air quality models.	AD-OMM approves – Permanent
Advanced Notices of Proposed Rule Making.	Deputy Director approves – Temporary

6. Limitations. Persons exercising redelegated authority must do so in accordance with public laws, executive directives, Federal regulations, Department and MMS policies, standards, organization and budgetary limitations, and administrative instructions. These amended delegations of authority cannot be further redelegated.

7. Cancellation. This IPD will remain in effect until the permanent delegations of authority are incorporated into the MMSM and/or the temporary delegations of authority are rescinded.

Director