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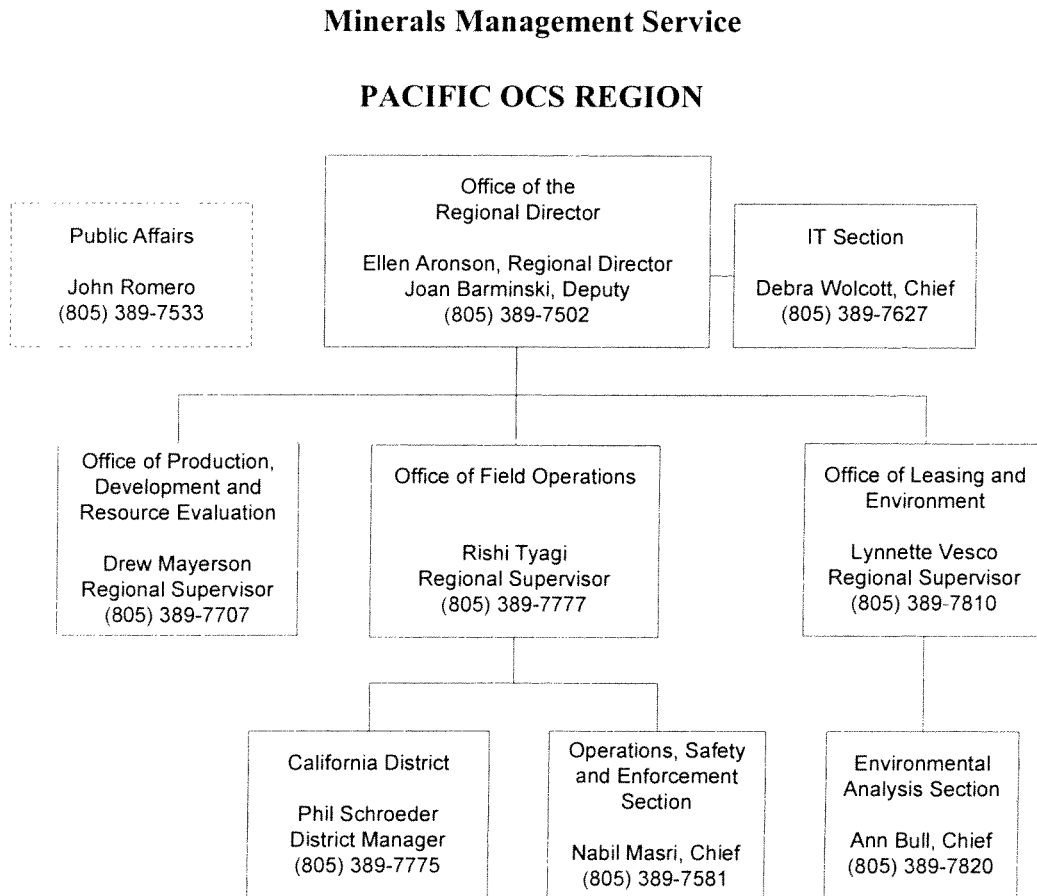
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**NOTICE TO LESSEES AND OPERATORS OF FEDERAL OIL AND GAS LEASES
IN THE PACIFIC OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF REGION**

Pacific OCS Region Organizational Structure

This notice supersedes NTL No. 2005-P01.

The Pacific OCS Region of the Minerals Management Service has recently reorganized, with changes in program office names and management titles. These changes are reflected in the following organizational chart.



The **Office of the Regional Director** provides policy direction and management oversight for the performance of activities relating to the management of the oil, gas, and other minerals of the OCS, offshore renewable energy projects, and alternate use of oil and gas facilities in the Pacific OCS Region within the framework of applicable laws, regulations, delegations, directives and other guidelines or limitations.

The **Office of Production, Development and Resource Evaluation** is responsible for ensuring timely and optimal production and development of OCS oil and gas fields. The office ensures compliance with established policies for production of OCS leases and units, including liquid and gas verification. The office plans, coordinates, and implements geological, geophysical, and engineering analyses, as well as the development of reserves estimates, well/field data studies, resource assessments, economic evaluations, royalty relief requests, unitization requests, suspension requests, geological and geophysical permit issuance, and cartographic standards to support national and regional efforts to maximize the ultimate recovery of OCS reserves and to oversee renewable energy projects.

The **Office of Field Operations** includes the California District and the Operations, Safety and Enforcement Section. The office, via the District and Section, conducts regulatory oversight of facilities and pipelines by way of the Offshore Inspection Program, including application of the “National PINC List and Guidelines” and the Pacific OCS Region Policies and Procedures Document. The office oversees compliance with laws, regulations, and other directives covering oil and gas operations, renewable energy projects, and alternate use of OCS facilities and ensures consistency and accuracy in the application of procedures and documentation by the District and Section.

The **California District** monitors OCS operations and activities to assure compliance with applicable lease and operational stipulations, laws, and regulations and the adequacy of safety and anti-pollution measures through daily, onsite inspections, plan reviews, approval of applications for production facilities, permits, and notices, and assessment of operator preparedness.

The **Operations, Safety and Enforcement Section** is responsible for providing technical expertise in and coordinating the review and disposition of plans related to the exploration, development and production of OCS oil and gas, including Oil Spill Response Plans, and those associated with renewable energy projects, applications for rights-of-use and easements and rights-of way for OCS energy projects, pipeline applications, and decommissioning applications. The Section coordinates review and approval of facilities and their modifications with the Platform Verification Program; coordinates implementation of the Civil/Criminal Penalties Program; and coordinates administration of lessee performance/training requirements. The Section reviews proposed legislation and regulations that may affect offshore operations in the Region and coordinates preparation of NTL’s and Safety Alerts to provide lessees and operators with regulatory interpretations and safety recommendations.

The **Office of Leasing and Environment** is responsible for all aspects of the leasing and environmental evaluation program in the Region involving oil, gas and other minerals, offshore renewable energy, and alternate use of OCS facilities, including conducting environmental reviews and analyses, ensuring compliance with environmental conditions of project approvals, and planning and managing the Regional Environmental Studies Program. The office is also responsible for lease adjudication and overseeing the lessee financial responsibility program.

The **Environmental Analysis Section** is responsible for developing environmental evaluations/assessments of proposed and ongoing OCS oil, gas, and other mineral activities, offshore renewable energy projects, and alternate use of OCS facilities; monitoring and ensuring compliance with environmental regulations and conditions of operation/mitigating measures; and coordinating environmental evaluation/review efforts with outside interests.

Guidance Document Statement

The MMS issues NTL's as guidance documents in accordance with 30 CFR 250.103 to clarify, supplement, and provide more detail about certain MMS regulatory requirements and to outline the information you provide in your various submittals. Under that authority, this NTL sets forth a policy on and an interpretation of a regulatory requirement that provides a clear and consistent approach to complying with that requirement. However, if you wish to use an alternate approach for compliance, you may do so, after you receive approval from the appropriate MMS office under 30 CFR 250.141.

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If you have any questions regarding this NTL, please contact the appropriate office listed above.



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<http://www.mms.gov/omm/pacific/offshore/ntls/ntllist.htm>