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4.1 Office of Strategic Resources Programs (OSRP). The OSRP is responsible for providing strategic guidance to the Director and Deputy Director on how to best manage the development of offshore oil, gas, and mineral resources to support the Department's goals. The Office interacts with policy makers and Department staff on leasing and development goals, and it provides a framework for evaluating resource development choices. The Office leads the creation of the 5-Year Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program (5-Year Program), integrating the leasing, economic, and resource evaluation decisions into a single package. In addition, the OSRP is responsible for marine mineral resource management, geospatial information services, and risk management policy and for providing direction and analytical support to the regional offices on leasing and resource decisions.

A. **Risk Management Policy Group (RMPG).** The RMPG, along with the Risk Management Operations Group, provide a bureau-wide risk management, financial assurance, and loss prevention program for both the conventional and renewable energy functions within the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM). The Risk Management Policy Group (RMPG), located in the headquarters office, reports to the OSRP and is responsible for the development of policy and governance documents associated with the risk management, financial assurance, and loss prevention program. Additionally, the RMPG provides interagency coordination and headquarters support for operational risk management. The RMPG works closely with the Risk Management Operations Group. The Risk Management Operations Group, located in the Gulf of Mexico Region, reports to the Regional Director in the Gulf of Mexico, and provides senior management with analyses, reports, and recommendations related to the financial and operational risks associated with OCS operations.

B. **Economics Division.** The Economics Division is responsible for the development and analysis of economic issues of the offshore oil and gas program and offshore energy-related or other authorized marine-related activities. The Division prepares economic analyses that support policies for leasing decisions and regulatory functions.

C. **Leasing Policy and Management Division.** The Leasing Policy and Management Division is responsible for oil, gas, and mineral leasing policy and program development issues.

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The Division provides coordination, oversight, direction, and supervision of the 5-Year Program and all preleasing activities of the offshore leasing programs.

D. Resource Evaluation Division. The Resource Evaluation Division is responsible for providing oversight, policy guidance, and direction for offshore oil and gas geologic and geophysical evaluations and the development of models for geologic and engineering assessments of mineral resource potential of the OCS.

E. Marine Minerals Division. The Marine Minerals Division provides leadership, policy development, regional coordination, non-competitive and competitive lease development, and resource data management for the Bureau Marine Minerals Program. The Marine Minerals Division is also responsible for OCS marine mineral resource evaluations and assessments (currently sand resources).

F. Geospatial Services Division. The Geospatial Services Division administers, develops, populates, maintains, and distributes the official offshore cadastral data, which includes lease grids and various offshore boundaries. The Division has the responsibility to produce and maintain the MarineCadastre.gov website and provide a variety of geospatial services for BOEM.

4.2 **Office of Renewable Energy Programs (OREP)**. The OREP is responsible for implementing and managing the offshore renewable energy programs, including leasing, evaluations, environmental programs, formation of task forces, state consultation, and post-lease plans and permits in the offshore area.

4.3 **Office of Environmental Programs (OEP)**. The OEP is responsible for providing strategic guidance to the Director and Deputy Director regarding environmental considerations in the development of offshore resources. The OEP directs the study of offshore environmental research to the most prominent offshore issues, promotes environmental research throughout government, and builds BOEM's environmental science reputation. The OEP also oversees the design and application of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process to ensure sufficient environmental review from the 5-Year Program, the approval of exploration and development plans, as well as more specific authorizations. The OEP advocates for environmental concerns throughout this process; and hears appeals from regional offices on environmental reviews, mitigations, and concerns; and works with the Regional Directors to resolve issues.

A. Environmental Assessment Division (EAD). The EAD provides oversight, policy guidance, and direction over all offshore environmental concerns and issues, including environmental analysis activities. The EAD oversees BOEM compliance with environmental laws and regulations and environmental analysis activities for oil and gas, and non-energy minerals (e.g., NEPA, Clean Air Act and Clean Water Acts, Coastal Zone Management Act, OCS Lands Act (OSCLA), etc.). The Division also prepares program-level environmental documents, such as the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the 5-Year Program and the environmental components of decision documents. The EAD coordinates with agencies and

organizations at the national level to develop guidance and procedures for implementing national policy for NEPA and other environmental laws.

B. Environmental Sciences Division (ESD). The ESD provides policy, guidance, and oversight to assure the quality and relevance of science conducted through the BOEM Environmental Studies Program (ESP) supports decision-making processes pertaining to the oil and gas, alternative energy, and non-energy minerals programs. The ESD coordinates on a national level with regional managers within BOEM, the Department, other agencies, and non-Federal research organizations and corresponding committees to assist in implementation of ESP projects. The Division provides oil spill risk analyses in support of BOEM and other agencies' activities. Responsibilities also include providing technical information and analyses in support of BOEM mission and Departmental environmental activities, including the oil and gas, alternative energy, and non-energy minerals programs; the 5-Year Program; the EIS and other NEPA documents; and international conventions and treaties.

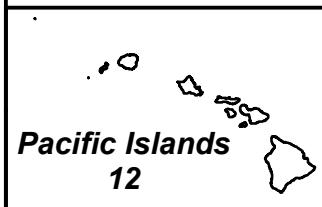
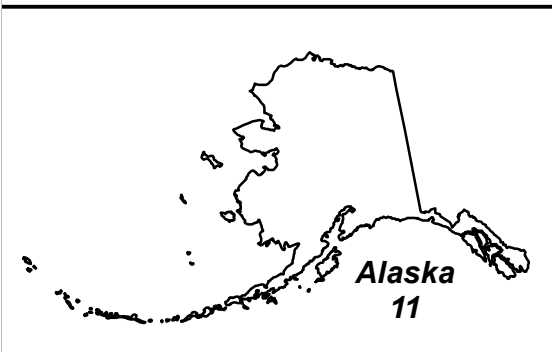
4.4 **Unified Regional Offices.** The BOEM includes four locations, three locations headed by Regional Directors and one location with Program Offices headed by Program Chiefs. The BOEM Regional Directors and Program Chiefs are responsible for implementing and managing the offshore energy and minerals programs for resource and environmental evaluations, leasing of offshore energy and mineral resources, and approval and supervision of the private sector's exploration, development, and production plans on the OCS. The regional office boundaries of the BOEM shall be as defined on the attached map entitled "12 Unified Regions Based on Watersheds. See 105 DM 3 for a full description of all the Unified Regions. The office locations are:

A. **BOEM Anchorage, Alaska Office** manages regional BOEM programs in the Alaska Unified Region.

B. **BOEM New Orleans, Louisiana Office** manages regional BOEM programs in the Mississippi-Basin Unified Region, the South Atlantic-Gulf Unified Region (oil and gas programs only), the North Atlantic-Appalachian Unified Region (oil and gas programs only), and the Arkansas-Rio Grande-Texas-Gulf Unified Region.

C. **BOEM Camarillo, California Office** manages regional BOEM programs in the Lower Colorado-Basin Unified Region, the Columbia-Pacific Northwest Unified Region, the California-Great Basin Unified Region, and the Pacific Islands Unified region.

D. **BOEM Headquarters in Sterling, Virginia Office** manages regional BOEM programs in the North Atlantic-Appalachian Unified Region (renewable energy and marine minerals programs only) and the South Atlantic-Gulf Unified Region (renewable energy and marine minerals programs only).



*Region 12 Includes: Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and other US possessions in the Pacific

