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**§ 259.001 Purpose and scope.**

The purpose of this part 259 is to define various terms appearing in parts 260, 261 and 262 of this chapter.

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**§ 259.002 Definitions.**

For purposes of parts 260, 261, and 262 of this chapter:

*Area* or *region* means the geographic area or region over which the MMS designated official has jurisdiction, unless the context in which those words are used indicates that a different meaning is intended.

*Designated official* means a representative of DOI subject to the direction and supervisory authority of the Director, MMS, and the appropriate Regional Manager of the MMS authorized and empowered to supervise and direct all oil and gas operations and to perform other duties prescribed in 30 CFR part 250 (offshore).

*Director* means Director, MMS, DOI.

*DOI* means the Department of the Interior, including the Secretary of the Interior, or his or her delegate.

*Federal lease* means an agreement which, for any consideration, including, but not limited to, bonuses, rents or royalties conferred, and covenants to be observed, authorizes a person to explore for, or develop, or produce (or to do any or all of these) oil and gas, coal, oil shale, tar sands, and geothermal resources on lands or interests in lands under Federal jurisdiction.

*Gas* means natural gas as defined by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

*MMS* means Minerals Management Service.

*OCS* means the Outer Continental Shelf, which includes all submerged lands (1) that lie seaward outside of the area of lands beneath navigable waters

as defined in the Submerged Lands Act (Pub. L. 31-35, 67 Stat. 29, (43 U.S.C. 1301)) and (2) of which the subsoil and seabed appertain to the United States are subject to its jurisdiction and control.

*OCSLA* means the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, as amended (Act of August 7, 1953, Ch. 345, 67 Stat. 462, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, as amended by Pub. L. 95-372, 92 Stat. 629).

*Oil* means a mixture of hydrocarbons that exists in a liquid or gaseous phase in an underground reservoir and which remains or becomes liquid at atmospheric pressure after passing through surface separating facilities, including condensate recovered by means other than a manufacturing process.

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