

DESIGNATION OF OPERATOR

The lessee identified below is, on the records of the Minerals Management Service, a leaseholder of:

Lease Number:

Regional Office:

and hereby designates

Name:

Company Number of
Designated Operator

Address:

as the operator and local agent (designated operator) with full authority to act in the lessee's behalf in complying with the terms of the lease and applicable regulations. The Regional Supervisor or his representative may serve the designated operator written or oral instructions in securing compliance with the operating regulations. This designation of operator is made with respect to (describe block or aliquot portion to which this designation applies):

It is understood that this designation of operator does not relieve the lessee of responsibility for compliance with the terms of the lease, laws, and regulations applicable to the area. It is also understood that this designation of operator does not constitute an assignment of any interest in the lease.

In case of default on the part of the designated operator, the lessee will make full and prompt compliance with all regulations, lease terms, or orders of the Secretary of the Interior or his representative.

The lessee agrees to notify the Regional Supervisor promptly of any change in the designated operator. The Designated Operator shall comply with the Department of the Interior's nonprocurement debarment and suspension regulations as required by Subpart C of 43 CFR Part 42 and shall communicate the requirement to comply with these regulations to persons with whom it does business related to this designation by including this term in its contracts and transactions.

Company Number of Lessee

Name of Lessee

Date

Authorized Signature of Lessee

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