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Dated: November 27, 2018.

**B. Kaye Hayes,**

*Executive Director, Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Laboratory Animal Welfare: Draft Report on Recommendations To Reduce Administrative Burden on Researchers

**AGENCY:** National Institutes of Health, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is seeking input on the draft report by the 21st Century Cures Act Working Group on Reducing Administrative Burden to Researchers for Animal Care and Use in Research. The draft report is a coordinated effort of the Director of the National Institutes of Health, in collaboration with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Commissioner of Food and Drugs. It describes the proposed actions that the working group has identified to reduce administrative burden on investigators while maintaining the integrity and credibility of research findings and protection of research animals.

**DATES:** The Request for Information regarding the proposed actions that the working group has identified is open for public comment for a period of 60 days. Comments must be submitted electronically at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/rfi/rfi.cfm?ID=83> and must be received by February 5, 2019 to ensure consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia Brown, Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW), Office of Extramural Research, National Institutes of Health, Suite 2500, 6700B Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-6910, phone: 301-496-7163, email: [olaw@od.nih.gov](mailto:olaw@od.nih.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

This request for information is a coordinated effort of the Director of the National Institutes of Health, in

collaboration with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, to seek input on the draft report by the 21st Century Cures Act, Section 2034(d) Working Group on Reducing Administrative Burden to Researchers for Animal Care and Use in Research.

Section 2034(d) of the 21st Century Cures Act (Pub. L. 114-255) was enacted December 13, 2016 and requires that the NIH, in collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), complete a review of applicable regulations and policies for the care and use of laboratory animals and make revisions to reduce administrative burden on investigators. NIH OLAW, USDA, and FDA formed a Working Group to: (1) Identify overlapping regulations and policies; (2) take steps to reduce such identified regulations and policies; and (3) take actions to improve coordination, as directed by the U.S. Congress. Input is sought on the draft report of the Working Group and others within the federal government and the proposed recommendations to reduce the administrative burden associated with research activities with laboratory animals while maintaining appropriate protections and scientific integrity. The draft report is available at [https://olaw.nih.gov/sites/default/files/21CCA\\_draft\\_report.pdf](https://olaw.nih.gov/sites/default/files/21CCA_draft_report.pdf).

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**Francis S. Collins,**

*Director, National Institutes of Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

[Docket No. BOEM-2018-0069]

#### Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Vineyard Wind LLC's Proposed Wind Energy Facility Offshore Massachusetts

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** Consistent with the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is announcing the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Construction and Operation Plan (COP) submitted by

Vineyard Wind LLC (Vineyard Wind). The Draft EIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action described in the Vineyard Wind COP and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. This Notice of Availability (NOA) announces the start of the public review and comment period, as well as the dates and locations of public hearings on the Draft EIS. After BOEM holds the public hearings and addresses comments on the Draft EIS, BOEM will prepare a Final EIS.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted no later than January 22, 2019. BOEM's public hearings will be held at the following dates and times. Please see the **ADDRESSES** section for the specific locations.

- New Bedford, Massachusetts: Tuesday, January 8, 2019
- Narragansett, Rhode Island: Wednesday, January 9, 2019
- Hyannis, Massachusetts: Tuesday, January 15, 2019
- Nantucket, Massachusetts: Wednesday, January 16, 2019
- Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts: Thursday, January 17, 2019

**ADDRESSES:** The Draft EIS and detailed information about the proposed wind energy facility, including the COP, can be found on BOEM's website at: <https://www.boem.gov/Vineyard-Wind/>. Comments can be submitted in any of the following ways:

- In written form, delivered by hand or by mail, enclosed in an envelope labeled "Vineyard Wind COP Draft EIS" and addressed to Program Manager, Office of Renewable Energy, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, Virginia 20166. Comments must be received or postmarked no later than January 22, 2019; or
  - Through the [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) web portal: Navigate to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket No. BOEM-2018-0069. Click on the "Comment Now!" button to the right of the document link. Enter your information and comment, then click "Submit."

BOEM will hold public hearings for the Draft EIS for the Vineyard Wind COP at the following places and times:

- New Bedford, Massachusetts: Tuesday, January 8, 2019; New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740; Open House 5:00-8:00 p.m.; Presentation and Q&A 6:00 p.m.
- Narragansett, Rhode Island: Wednesday, January 9, 2019; Narragansett Town Hall, 25 5th Avenue, Narragansett, Rhode Island 02882; Open