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*Request for Comment:* BOEM requests data, comments, views, information, analysis, or suggestions relevant to the analysis of the Proposed Action from the public; affected Federal, Tribal, State, and local governments, agencies, and offices; the scientific community; industry; or any other interested party. Specifically, BOEM requests information on the following topics:

1. In an effort to fully meet the intent of Executive Order (E.O.) 12898, "Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations," and E.O. 14096, "Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All," BOEM is considering several AMMM measures intended to mitigate impacts to communities with environmental justice (EJ) concerns. These measures include communication plans, provision of mitigation resources, and reporting requirements (AMMM measures EJ-1 through EJ-3). BOEM seeks input on the potential for these measures to reduce impacts on communities with EJ concerns. In addition, BOEM developed an EJ compensatory mitigation framework (EJ-4), per guidance issued by the Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice and NEPA Committee in its report "Promising Practices for EJ Methodologies in NEPA Reviews" (2016). On page 48, the guidance states that agencies "may wish to consider appropriate compensating mitigation" when there are unavoidable adverse impacts to environmental justice populations.

EJ engagement participants have indicated that offshore wind energy

development has potential for impacts that are not identified in advance of construction and operations. Therefore, BOEM is seeking feedback on the proposed language outlined in the EJ compensatory mitigation AMMM measure (EJ-4) to address impacts that cannot be avoided or minimized. In particular, BOEM requests feedback on the following: (1) the lessee's financial contribution and how it is calculated over the life of mitigation implementation; (2) what constitutes an eligible impact to receive compensation; (3) appropriate level of description and guidance surrounding a board of trustees to administer the compensatory mitigation funds, including its composition, bylaws, governance, and oversight; (4) fund management criteria that need to be stated at the programmatic stage to advance equity considerations; (5) fund distribution objectives; and (6) defining recipients of fund distributions.

2. BOEM is soliciting feedback on AMMM measures related to measuring, monitoring, and reducing noise and its impacts on marine life. Specifically, BOEM seeks information on operational measures, noise abatement technologies, and other techniques and procedures that may be helpful to meet any marine noise reduction targets or to reduce the impact of any noise introduced into the marine environment; the cost and commercial feasibility of such measures and technologies in meeting a target; and what criteria BOEM should consider in determining whether a specific project could be exempted from a target. BOEM is also seeking similar feedback on AMMM measures related to sound field verification and long-term passive acoustic monitoring. BOEM requests feedback on the currently written acoustic assessment and the use of the relativistic risk assessment framework (appendix J in draft PEIS). BOEM appreciates any information that can help improve its applicability to the NY Bight and future projects.

*Authority:* 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.* (NEPA, as amended), and 40 CFR 1506.6.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

[Docket No. BOEM-2024-0004]

#### Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment for Commercial Wind Lease Issuance and Site Assessment Activities on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf Offshore Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announces the availability of a draft environmental assessment (EA) to consider the potential environmental impacts associated with possible wind energy-related leasing, site assessment, and site characterization activities on the U.S. Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). This notice of availability (NOA) announces the start of the public review and comment period, as well as the dates and times for public meetings on the draft EA. After BOEM holds the public meetings and addresses public comments submitted during the review period, BOEM will publish a final EA. The EA will inform BOEM's decision whether to issue wind energy leases in the Central Atlantic Wind Energy Areas (WEAs).

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than February 12, 2024. BOEM's virtual public meetings will be held on the following dates at the times (eastern time) indicated.

- Tuesday, January 30; 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 1; 1:00 p.m.

Registration for the virtual public meeting is required and may be completed at <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/central-atlantic>. Meeting information will be sent to registrants via their email address provided during registration.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft EA and detailed information about the Central Atlantic WEAs can be found on BOEM's website at: <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/central-atlantic>. Comments can be submitted in any of the following ways:

- Orally or in written form during any of the public meetings identified in this NOA.
- In written form by mail or any other delivery service, enclosed in an envelope labeled "Central Atlantic Wind Leasing EA" and addressed to Chief, Office of Renewable Energy

Programs, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 45600 Woodland Road, Mailstop VAM–OREP, Sterling, VA 20166.

- Through the *regulations.gov* web portal: Navigate to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket No. BOEM–2024–0004. Click on the “Comment” button below the document link. Enter your information and comment, then click “Submit Comment.”

For more information about submitting comments, please see “*Information on Submitting Comments*” under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** heading below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jessica Stromberg, BOEM Office of Renewable Energy Programs, 45600 Woodland Road, VAM–OREP, Sterling, Virginia 20166, (703) 787–1730 or [jessica.stromberg@boem.gov](mailto:jessica.stromberg@boem.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Proposed Action:* The draft EA analyzes the proposed action, which is issuing wind energy leases in the Central Atlantic WEAs, and the no action alternative. The lease sale itself would not authorize any activities on the OCS. Therefore, the EA considers the reasonably foreseeable environmental consequences of site characterization surveys (*i.e.*, biological, archeological, geological and geophysical surveys, and core samples) and site assessment activities (*i.e.*, installation of meteorological buoys), which are expected to take place following lease issuance. BOEM decided to prepare an EA for this proposed action in order to assist the agency’s planning and decision-making (40 CFR 1501.5(b)).

*Availability of the Draft EA:* The draft EA and associated information are available on BOEM’s website at: <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/central-atlantic>. If you require a digital copy on a flash drive or a paper copy, BOEM will provide one upon request, if supplies are available. You may request a flash drive or paper copy of the draft EA by contacting Lisa Landers at (703) 787–1520 or [lisa.landlers@boem.gov](mailto:lisa.landlers@boem.gov).

*Cooperating Agencies:* The following Federal agencies participated as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the draft EA: the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Environmental Protection Agency. The Town of Ocean City, Maryland, also participated as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the draft EA.

*Information on Submitting Comments:* All comments from

identified individuals, businesses, and organizations will be available for public viewing on *regulations.gov*. Note that BOEM will make available for public inspection all comments submitted by organizations and businesses, or by individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses.

**a. Freedom of Information Act**

BOEM will protect privileged or confidential information that you submit as required by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Exemption 4 of FOIA applies to trade secrets and commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential. If you wish to protect the confidentiality of such information, clearly label it and request that BOEM treat it as confidential. BOEM will not disclose such information if BOEM determines under 30 CFR 585.114(b) that it qualifies for exemption from disclosure under FOIA. Please label privileged or confidential information “Contains Confidential Information” and consider submitting such information as a separate attachment.

BOEM will not treat as confidential any aggregate summaries of information or any comments not containing privileged or confidential information. Information that is not labeled as privileged or confidential may be regarded by BOEM as suitable for public release.

**b. Personally Identifiable Information**

BOEM discourages anonymous comments. Please include your name and address as part of your comment. You should be aware that your entire comment, including your name, address, and any other personally identifiable information (PII) that you include, may be made publicly available.

For BOEM to consider withholding your PII from disclosure, you must identify any information contained in your comments that, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of your personal privacy. You must also briefly describe any possible harmful consequences of the disclosure of information, such as embarrassment, injury, or other harm. Even if BOEM withholds your information in the context of this notice, your comment is subject to FOIA. If your comment is requested under FOIA, BOEM will withhold your information only if it determines that one of FOIA’s exemptions to disclosure applies. Such a determination will be made in accordance with the Department’s FOIA regulations and applicable law.

**c. Section 304 of the NHPA (54 U.S.C. 307103(a))**

After consultation with the Secretary, BOEM is required to withhold the location, character, or ownership of historic resources if it determines that disclosure may, among other things, risk harm to the historic resources or impede the use of a traditional religious site by practitioners. Tribal entities should designate information that falls under section 304 of NHPA as confidential.

*Authority:* 42 U.S.C. 4231 *et seq.* (NEPA, as amended) and 40 CFR 1506.6.

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**INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**

[Investigation. No. 337–TA–1385]

**Certain Furniture Products Finished With Decorative Wood Grain Paper and Components Thereof; Notice of Institution of Investigation**

**AGENCY:** International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on December 7, 2023 under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of Toppan Interamerica, Inc. of McDonough, Georgia. A supplement was filed on January 3, 2024. The complaint alleges violations of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain furniture products finished with decorative wood grain paper and components thereof by reason of infringement of one of U.S. Copyright Registration No. VA 2–142–287 (“the ‘287 copyright’”), U.S. Copyright Registration No. VA 2–176–002 (“the ‘002 copyright’”), U.S. Copyright Registration No. VA 2–142–295 (“the ‘295 copyright’”), or U.S. Copyright Registration No. VA 2–142–292 (“the ‘292 copyright’”). The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by the applicable Federal Statute. The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a limited exclusion order and a cease and desist order.

**ADDRESSES:** The complaint, except for any confidential information contained