

**ADDRESSES:** The joint ROD and associated information are available on BOEM's website at <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/atlantic-shores-south>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information related to BOEM's action, please contact Kimberly Sullivan, BOEM Office of Renewable Energy Programs, 45600 Woodland Road, VAM-OREP, Sterling, Virginia 20166, (702) 338-4766, or [kimberly.sullivan@boem.gov](mailto:kimberly.sullivan@boem.gov). For information related to NMFS' action, contact Katherine Renshaw, NOAA Office of General Counsel, (302) 515-0324, [katherine.renshaw@noaa.gov](mailto:katherine.renshaw@noaa.gov). For information related to USACE's action, please contact Stephen Rochette, (215) 656-6515, [PDPA-NAP@usace.army.mil](mailto:PDPA-NAP@usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Atlantic Shores seeks approval to construct, operate, and maintain the Project: two wind energy facilities (Project 1 and Project 2) and the associated export cables on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) offshore New Jersey. The Project would be developed within the range of design parameters outlined in the COP, subject to applicable mitigation measures.

A notice of availability for the final EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on May 31, 2024. On June 25, 2024, BOEM published an errata on its website that included certain edits to Chapter 2, Chapter 3, and Appendix G: Mitigation and Monitoring Table G-2. None of these edits are substantive or affect the analysis or conclusions in the final EIS.

The Project as proposed in the COP would include up to 200 total wind turbine generators (WTGs) (between 105 and 136 WTGs for Project 1, and between 64 and 95 WTGs for Project 2), up to 10 offshore substations (OSSs) (up to 5 in each Project), up to 1 permanent meteorological (met) tower, up to 4 temporary meteorological and oceanographic (metocean) buoys (up to 3 metocean buoys in Project 1 and 1 metocean buoy in Project 2), interarray and interlink cables, up to 2 onshore substations, 2 points of interconnection, 1 operations and maintenance facility, and up to 8 transmission cables making landfall at 2 New Jersey locations.

The Atlantic Shores South Project is proposed to be located 8.7 statute miles (14 kilometers)<sup>1</sup> from the New Jersey shoreline at its closest point, within the area covered by Renewable Energy Lease Number OCS-A 0499 (Lease Area).

<sup>1</sup> Equates to 7.6 nautical miles. 1 nautical mile = 1.1508 statute miles.

After carefully considering public comments on the draft EIS and the alternatives described and analyzed in the final EIS, DOI selected Alternative B, "Proposed Action," in combination with Alternative C4, "Habitat Impact Minimization/Fisheries Habitat Impact Minimization: Micrositing," Alternative D3, "No Surface Occupancy of Up to 10.8 Miles [17.4 Kilometers] from Shore: Removal of up to 6 Turbines," and Alternative E, "Wind Turbine Layout Modification to Establish a Setback between Atlantic Shores South and Ocean Wind 1," as well as the two proposed mitigation measures that require WTG removal:

- No permanent structures will be placed in a way that narrows any linear rows and columns to fewer than 0.6 nautical miles (1,100 meters) or in a layout that eliminates two distinct lines of orientation in a grid pattern. The Project's proposed OSSs, met tower, and WTGs will be aligned in a uniform grid with rows in an east-northeast to west-southwest direction spaced 1.0 nautical mile (1,900 meters) apart and rows in an approximately north to south direction spaced 0.6 nautical mile (1,100 meters) apart, with the exception of WTGs AX01, AZ08, BA09, BC07, BE10, BE12, BE14, BE15, BE16, BF14, BF15, and BG13; and
- Atlantic Shores must remove from its Project layout a single turbine position approximately 150 to 200 feet (45.8 to 61 meters) from the observed Fish Haven (Atlantic City Artificial Reef Site).

This combination is the Preferred Alternative identified in the final EIS. The anticipated mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements, which will be included in BOEM's COP approval as terms and conditions, are included in the ROD, which is available at: <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/atlantic-shores-south>.

NMFS has adopted BOEM's final EIS to support its decision about whether or not to promulgate the requested ITR and issue the associated LOA to Atlantic Shores. NMFS' final decision about whether or not to promulgate the requested ITR and issue the LOA will be documented in a separate Decision Memorandum prepared in accordance with internal NMFS policy and procedures. The final ITR and a notice of issuance of the LOA, if issued, will be published in the **Federal Register**. The LOA would authorize Atlantic Shores to take small numbers of marine mammals incidental to Project construction and would set forth permissible methods of incidental taking; means of affecting the least practicable adverse impact on the

species and their habitat; and requirements for monitoring and reporting. Pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), NMFS issued a final Biological Opinion to BOEM on December 18, 2023, evaluating the effects of the proposed action on ESA-listed species. The proposed action in the Biological Opinion includes the associated permits, approvals, and authorizations that may be issued.

USACE has decided to adopt BOEM's final EIS and issue permits to Atlantic Shores under sections 10 and 14 of the RHA, section 404 of the CWA, and section 103 of the MPRSA.

*Authority:* National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); 40 CFR 1505.2.

**Walter Cruickshank,**

*Deputy Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

[Docket ID BSEE-2024-0002; EEEE50000 245E1700D2 ET1SF0000.EAQ000; OMB Control Number 1014-0017]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Safety and Environmental Management Systems

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) proposes to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 6, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by either of the following methods listed below:

- Electronically go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter BSEE-2024-0002 then click search. Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view all related materials. We will post all comments.

- Email [nikki.mason@bsee.gov](mailto:nikki.mason@bsee.gov), fax (703) 787-1546, or mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Bureau of Safety and

Environmental Enforcement; Regulations and Standards Branch; ATTN: Nikki Mason; 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, VA 20166. Please reference OMB Control Number 1014–0017 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Nikki Mason by email at [nikki.mason@bsee.gov](mailto:nikki.mason@bsee.gov) or by telephone at (703) 787–1607. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the PRA and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval under the PRA. We may not conduct, or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

- (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) How might the agency minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of

information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Abstract:** Regulations governing Safety and Environmental Management Systems (SEMS) are covered in 30 CFR 250, Subpart S and are the subject of this collection. This request also covers any related Notices to Lessees and Operators (NLTs) that BSEE issues to clarify, supplement, or provide additional guidance on some aspects of our regulations.

We consider the information to be critical for us to monitor industry's operations record of safety and environmental management on the OCS. The Subpart S regulations hold the operator accountable for the overall safety of the offshore facility, including ensuring that all employees, contractors, and subcontractors have safety policies and procedures in place that support the implementation of the operator's SEMS program and align with the principles of managing safety. An operator's SEMS program must describe management's commitment to safety and the environment, as well as policies and procedures to assure safety and environmental protection while conducting OCS operations (including those operations conducted by all personnel on the facility). BSEE will use the information obtained by submittals and observed via SEMS audits to ensure that operations on the OCS are conducted safely, as they pertain to both human and environmental factors, and in accordance with BSEE regulations, including industry practices incorporated by reference within the regulations. Job Safety Analyses (JSA's) and other recordkeeping required by the SEMS regulation will be reviewed diligently by BSEE during inspections and other oversight activities and by SEMS auditors during regulatory required audits, to ensure that industry is using the documentation required by the SEMS regulation to manage their safety and environmental risks.

Information on Form BSEE–0131, which the SEMS regulation requires to be submitted to BSEE annually, includes company identification, number of company/contractor injuries and/or illnesses suffered, company/contractor hours worked, EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit non-compliances, and oil spill volumes for spills less than 1 barrel. Such information is reported on a calendar year basis, with data broken out by calendar quarter. The information is used to develop industry average incident rates that help to describe how well the offshore oil and gas industry is performing. Operators use these incident rates to benchmark against their own performance, and to focus on areas that need improvement. Using the produced data allows BSEE to better focus our regulatory and research programs on areas where the performance measures indicate that operators are having difficulty meeting our expectations. BSEE will be more effective in leveraging resources by redirecting research efforts, promoting appropriate regulatory initiatives, and shifting inspection and Directed Audit program emphasis based on performance results.

**Title of Collection:** 30 CFR part 250, subpart S, Safety and Environmental Management Systems (SEMS).

**OMB Control Number:** 1014–0017.

**Form Number:** BSEE–0131, Performance Measures Data.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Potential respondents include Federal OCS oil, gas, and sulfur lessees and/or operators and holders of pipeline rights-of-way and/or third-party personnel or organization.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:** Currently there are approximately 555 Federal OCS oil, gas, and sulfur lessees and holders of pipeline rights-of-way. Not all the potential respondents will submit information in any given year, and some may submit multiple times.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 686.

**Estimated Completion Time per Response:** Varies from 39 hours to 11,926 hours, depending on activity.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 1,487,634.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Responses are mandatory.

**Frequency of Collection:** Submissions are on occasion.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:** \$3,259,727.

An agency may not conduct, or sponsor and a person is not required to

respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

**Kirk Malstrom,**

*Chief, Regulations and Standards Branch.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

[Docket ID BSEE–2023–0009; EEEE500000 245E1700D2 ET1SF0000.EAQ000; OMB Control Number 1014–0008]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Well Control and Production Safety Training

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) proposes to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 7, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Please provide a copy of your comments to Nikki Mason, BSEE ICCO, 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, VA 20166; or by email to [nikki.mason@bsee.gov](mailto:nikki.mason@bsee.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1014–0008 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Nikki Mason at 703–787–1607 or by email at [nikki.mason@bsee.gov](mailto:nikki.mason@bsee.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United

States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the PRA and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on June 16, 2023 [88 FR 39461]. No comments were received.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are again soliciting comments from the public and other Federal agencies on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

- (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) How might the agency minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying

information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Abstract:** BSEE uses the information collected under subpart O regulations to ensure that workers in the OCS are properly trained with the necessary skills to perform their jobs in a safe and pollution-free manner.

In some instances, we may conduct oral interviews of offshore employees to evaluate the effectiveness of a company’s training program. The oral interviews are used to gauge how effectively the companies are implementing their own training program.

**Title of Collection:** 30 CFR 250, Subpart O, Well Control and Production Safety Training.

**OMB Control Number:** 1014–0008.

**Form Number:** None.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Potential respondents include Federal OCS oil, gas, and sulfur lessees and/or operators and holders of pipeline rights-of-way.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:** Currently there are approximately 555 Federal OCS oil, gas, and sulfur lessees and holders of pipeline rights-of-way. Not all the potential respondents will submit information in any given year, and some may submit multiple times.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 5.

**Estimated Completion Time per Response:** Varies from 4 hours to 69 hours, depending on activity.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 148.

**Respondent’s Obligation:** Responses are mandatory.

**Frequency of Collection:** Submissions are generally on occasion.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:** None.

An agency may not conduct, or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

**Kirk Malstrom,**

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