

MMS New Jersey Task Force Meeting

Renewable Energy Uses of the Outer Continental Shelf

Trenton, New Jersey

May 12, 2010



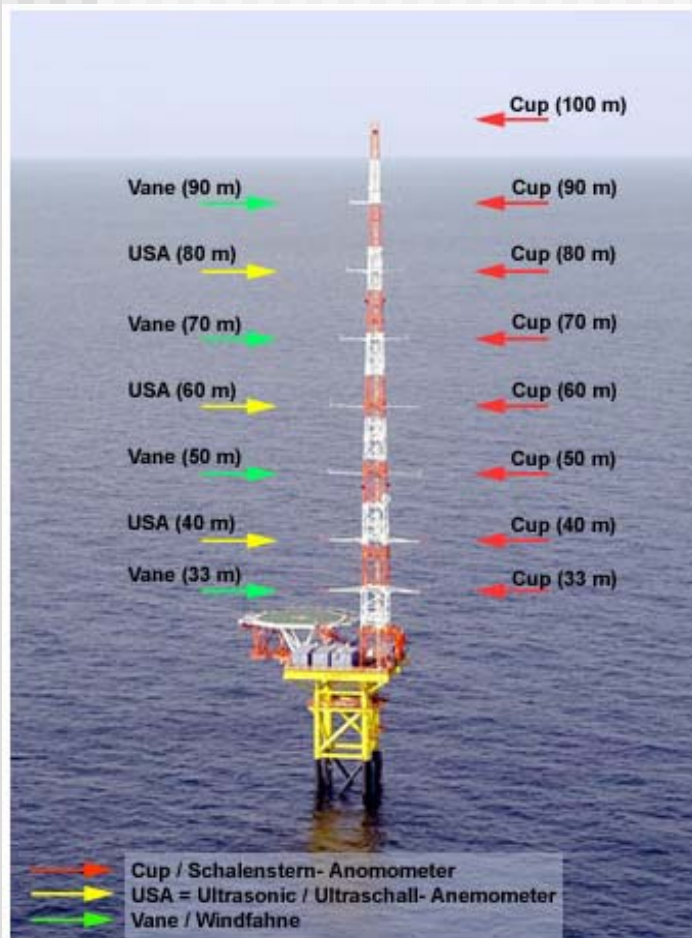
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Where we left off...

- Introduced the Purpose of the Task Force
- Discussed the Renewable Energy Leasing Process
- Discussed the Environmental Review Process
- Commented on Task Force Charter
- Introduced the Request for Interest (RFI)
- Discussed Potential Issues with RFI Area

Interim Policy (IP) Projects



- Cover resource data collection and technology testing activities
- Authorize a 5-year term
- Do *not* give priority right for commercial development

Interim Policy Projects



- 3 IP leases issued offshore NJ in November 2009
 - Garden State Offshore Energy (GSOE)
 - FERN
 - Bluewater Wind New Jersey
- MMS has held Project Plan meetings with two of the lessees
- No Project Plans submitted to date

Receive Application

MMS Review Period

Environmental
Compliance
Documentation
(EA, EFH, ESA, RHA,
MMPA, etc.)

Applicant
Conducts
Archaeological,
Geological
and
Geophysical
Surveys

Lease
Issuance

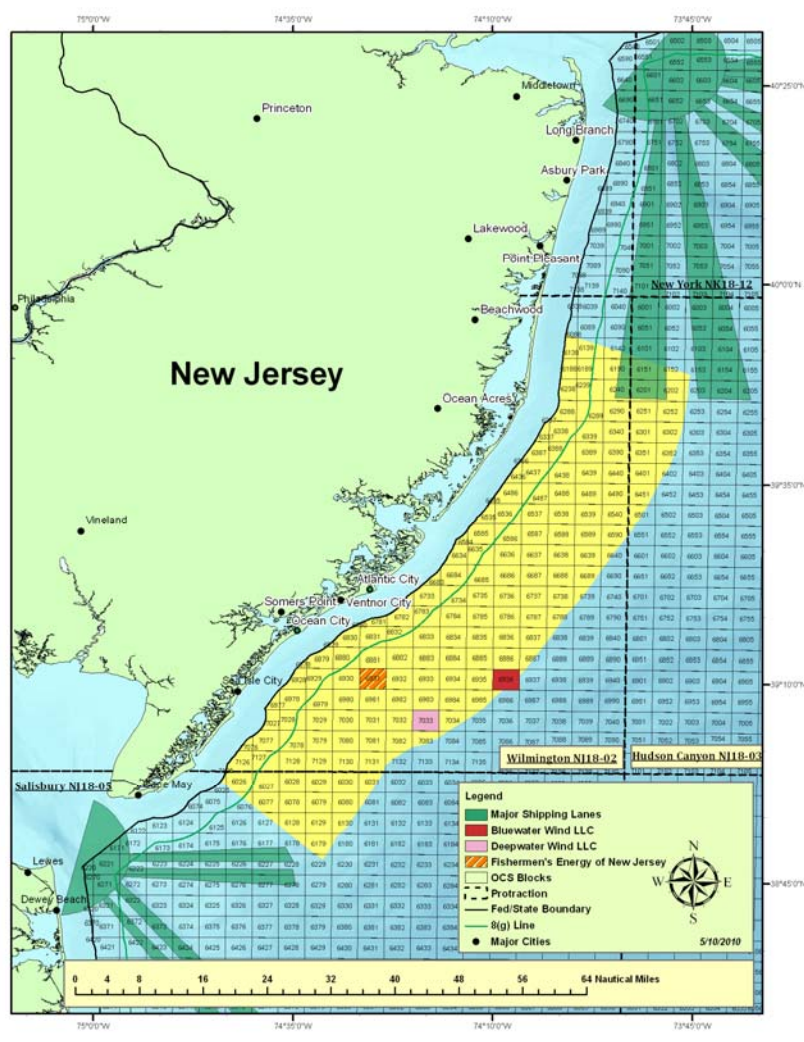
Project Plan
Meeting
w/Lessee

Receive Project Plan From Lessee

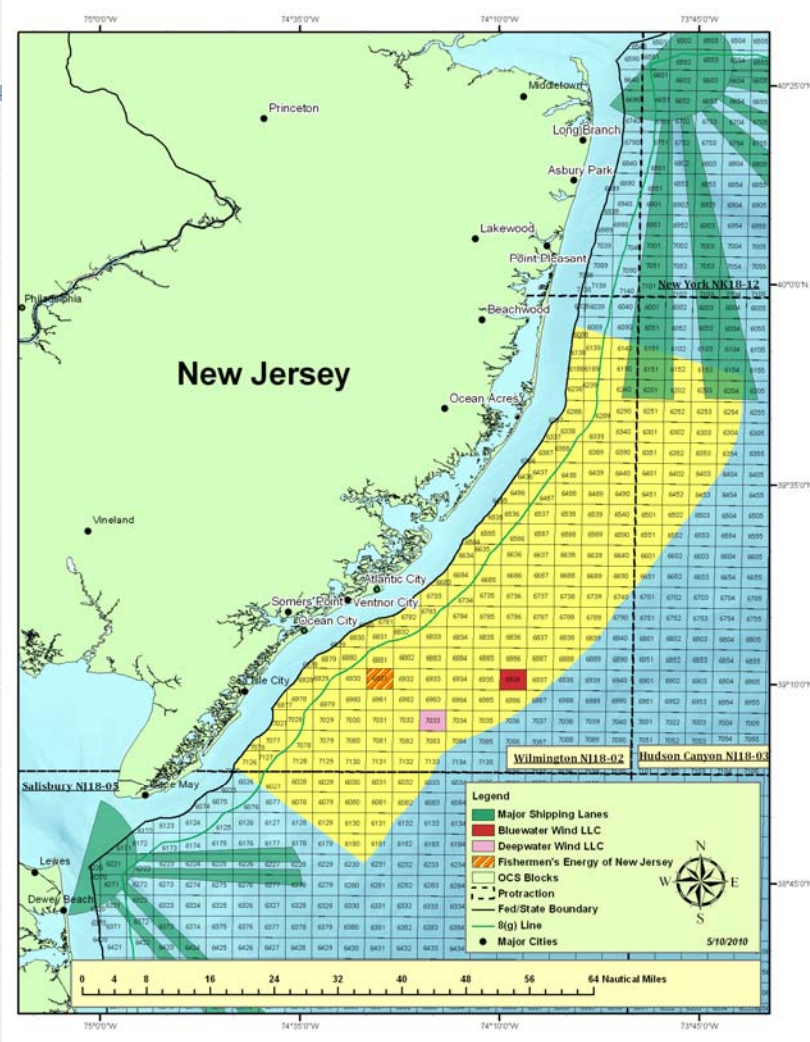
MMS 60 Day Review Period

Lessee can
begin construction

Preliminary RFI Area Correction

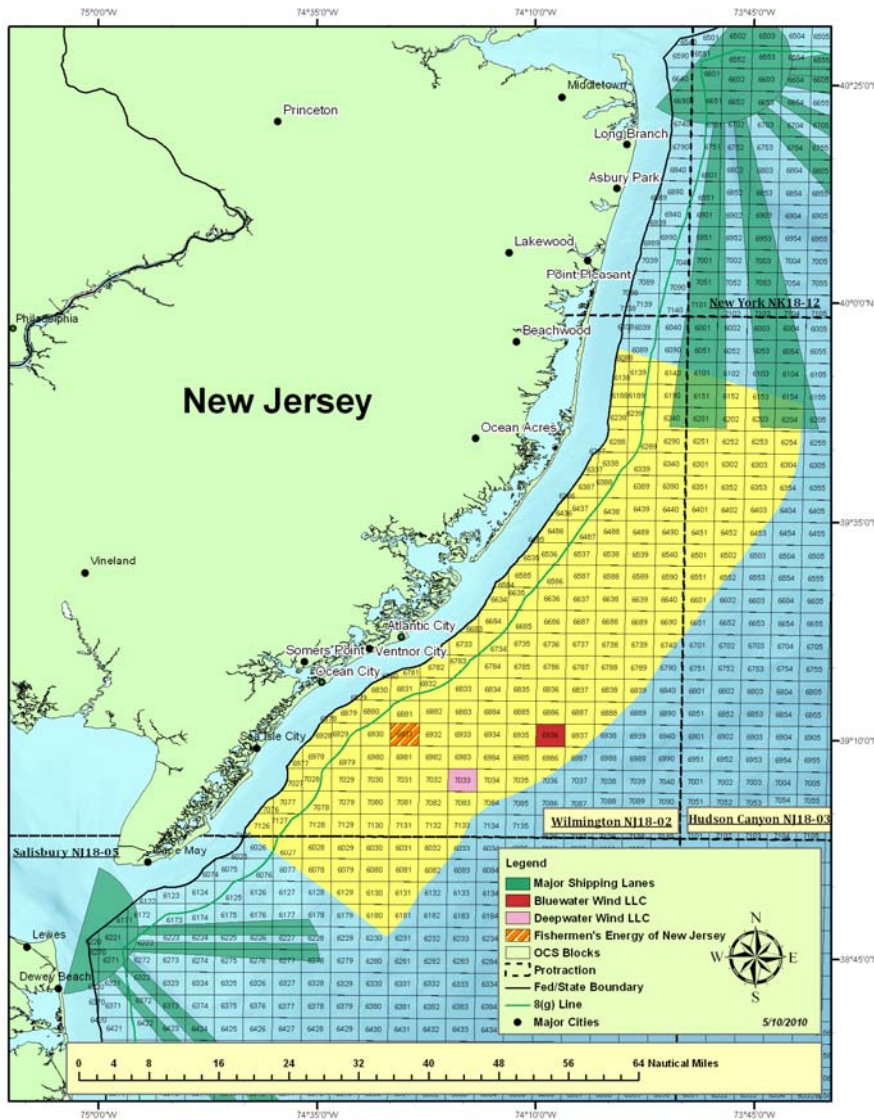


Incorrect Area



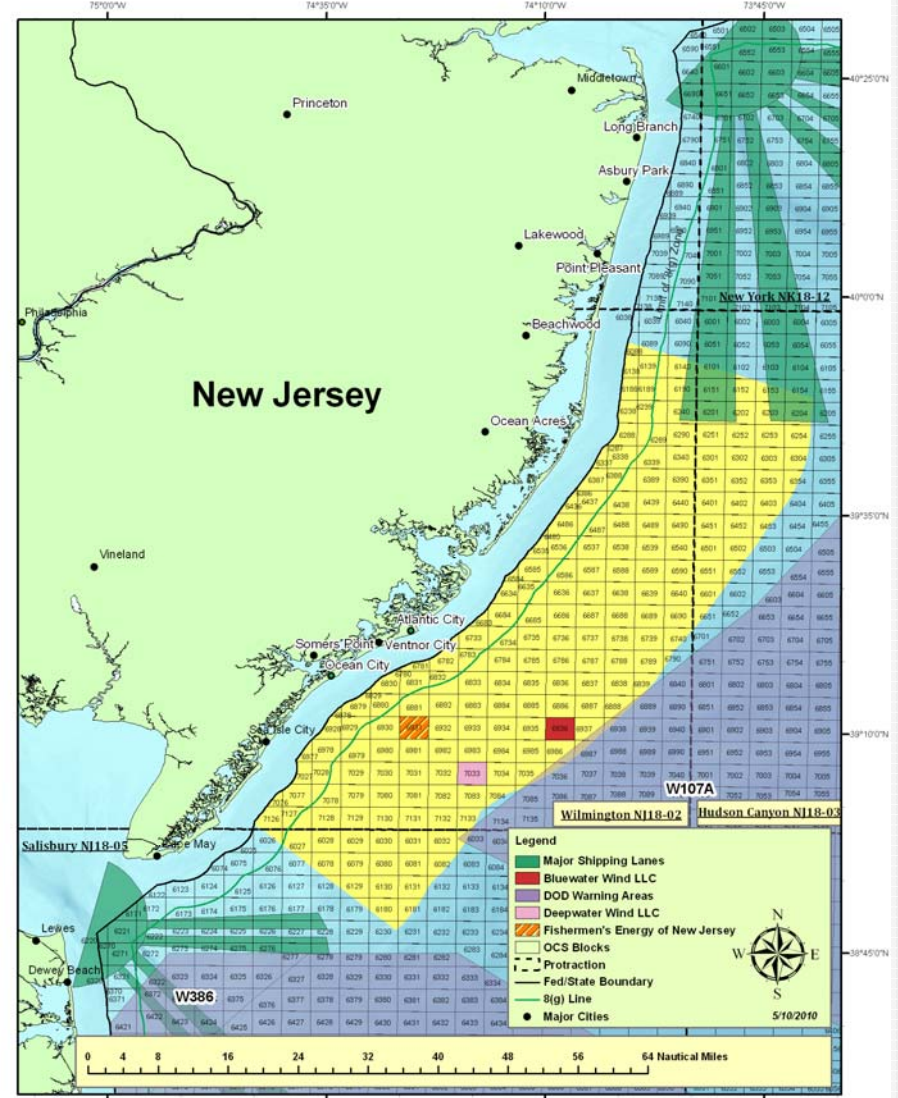
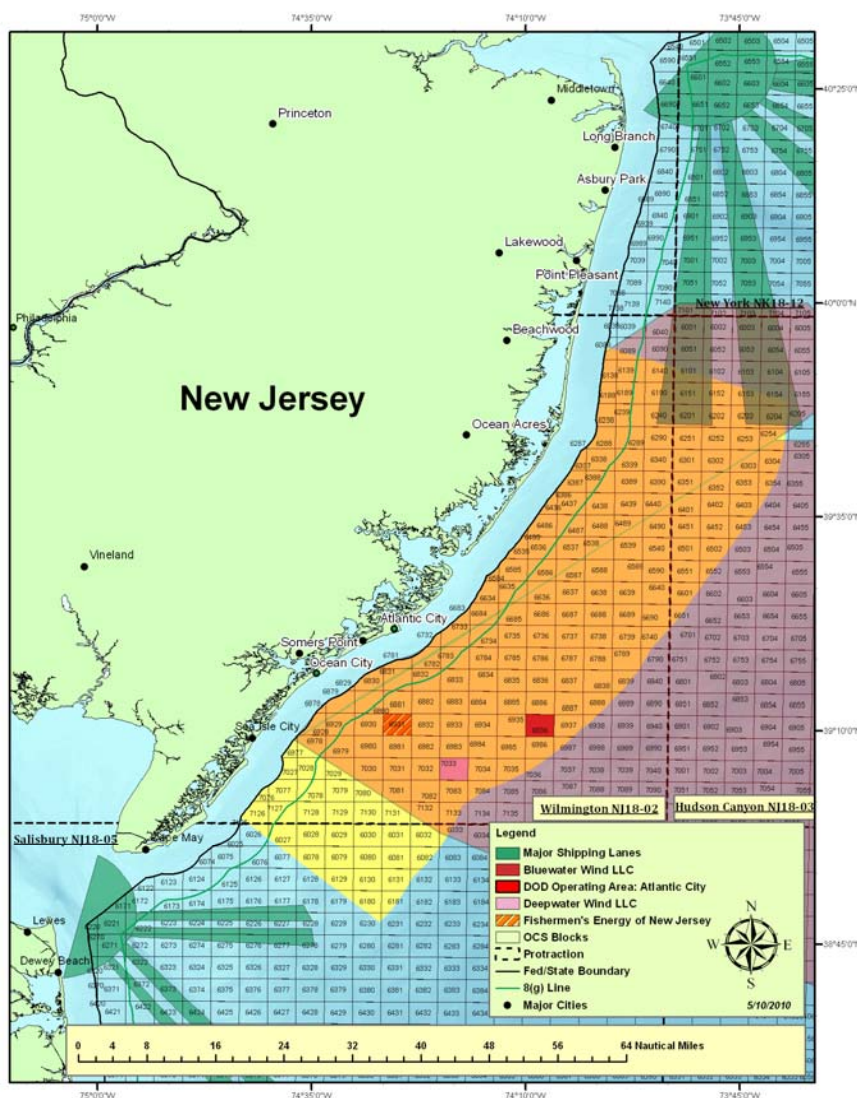
Correct Area

Unsolicited Lease Request



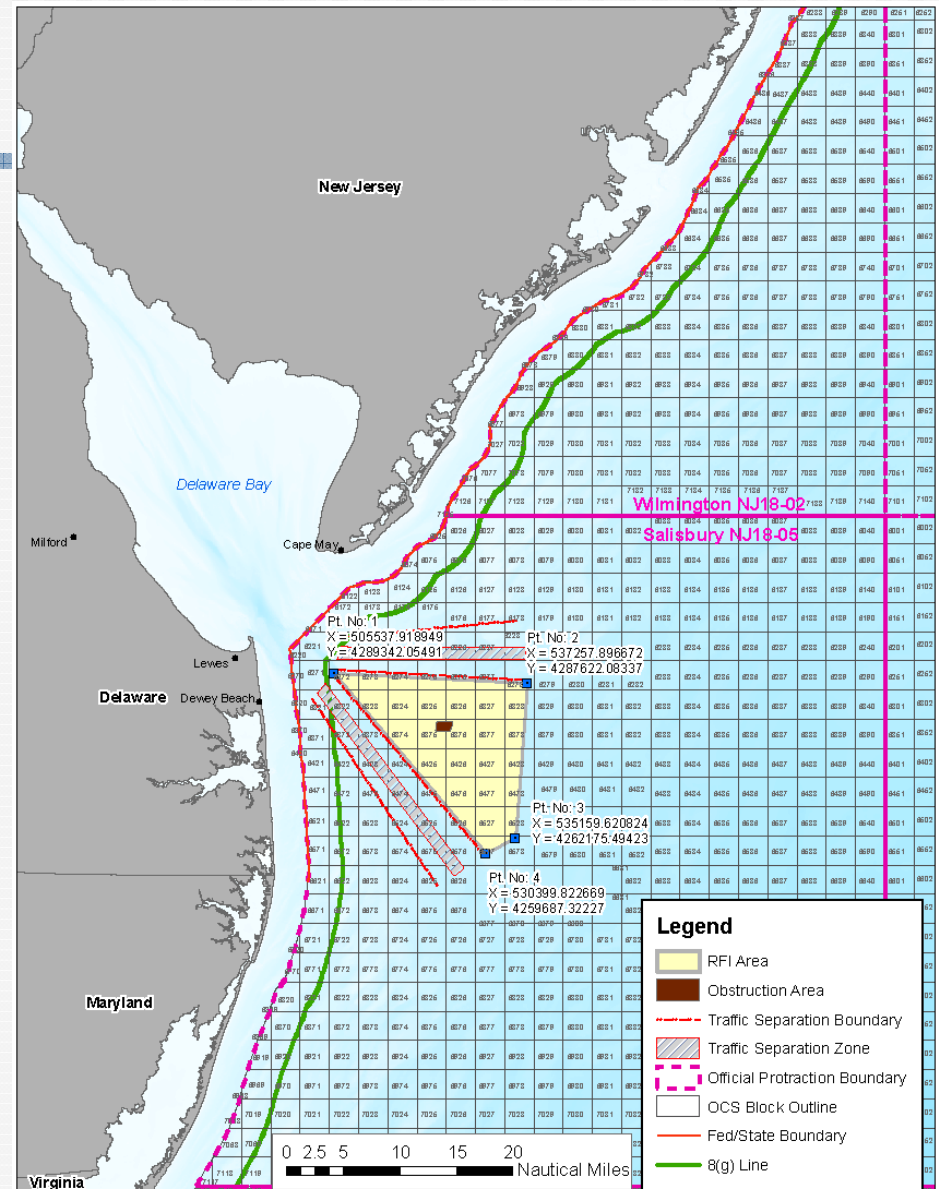
- Received January 2010
- Previous administration desired to include the application in the Request for Interest (RFI) area
- Company currently being qualified

DOD Operating & Warning Areas



Delaware RFI

- Published in the *Federal Register* on April 26, 2010
- Comment period closes June 25, 2010



Environmental Review Branch

- Currently consists of **6** FTE
- **3** positions currently being filled
- Various subject matter experts (SME)
 - Archaeology
 - Ornithology
 - Meteorology
 - Fisheries
 - Environmental Compliance
 - Benthic Habitats
 - Geographic Information Systems

Questions?

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