



# National Historic Preservation Act: Section 106

## What is Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act?

It is a regulation that requires Federal agencies to consider effects of undertakings on historic properties.

## What will it do?

- Establish area of potential effects (APE).
- Identify historic properties listed in or potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places using the Criteria of Evaluation below.
- Assess project effects on historic properties.
- Resolve adverse effects (avoid, minimize, or mitigate).

## What are the National Register Criteria?

The National Register's standards for evaluating the significance of properties were developed to recognize the accomplishments of all peoples who have made a significant contribution to our country's history and heritage. The criteria are designed to guide State and local governments, Federal agencies, and others in evaluating potential entries in the National Register.

- **Criteria A:** Properties associated with significant historical events.
- **Criteria B:** Properties associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- **Criteria C:** Properties that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.
- **Criteria D:** Properties that have yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

## Request for Public Input

BOEM seeks comment and input regarding the identification of historic properties and/or potential effects to historic properties from activities associated with identification of areas suitable for wind energy leasing.

