

Public Comment Period Information

BOEM is seeking public input on the National Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Program and Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Public input assists the US Department of the Interior and BOEM with evaluating the potential impacts of oil and gas development on the OCS. This input helps inform the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, who is charged with determining where and when lease sales for oil and gas may be offered during the new National OCS Program.

What public comments is BOEM looking for?

The size, timing, location, and the number of potential lease sales in this Proposed Program (Second Proposal) will be robustly analyzed in the Proposed Final Program (PFP) and Final Programmatic EIS and may be further narrowed. The Secretary is requesting public and stakeholder input on the Proposed Program to inform the PFP and Final Programmatic EIS analyses and decisionmaking.

Therefore, BOEM seeks feedback and input on the following:

- Additional data sources
- Adequacy of methodological approaches and alternative methodological approaches
- Accuracy of assumptions used in the analyses
- Where further clarification is needed

WHEN ARE COMMENTS DUE?

Comments must be received or postmarked no later than 11:59 pm ET on **Thursday, October 6, 2022**.

How can I submit my comments?

- 1. Agency Preferred Option:** Visit [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and under the Search tab, type in **Docket ID: BOEM-2022-0031** to submit comments and view other comments. Direct link to the docket: <https://www.regulations.gov/document/BOEM-2022-0031-0001>.
- 2. In writing and mailed** in an envelope labeled *"Comments for the 2023-2028 National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Proposed Program."*
Addressed to:
Ms. Kelly Hammerle, National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program Development Manager
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (VAM-LD)
45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, VA 20166-9216
- 3. During the Virtual Oral Comment Public Meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022**, through oral testimony. Registration https://kearnswest.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1FXGr4cBQhuVfHKTb04_8Q for this event is strongly encouraged if you wish to present an oral comment.

What will BOEM do with the comments?

All comments will be organized, summarized, and presented to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior to inform the next stage of analysis and decisionmaking—the Proposed Final Program (PFP) stage. During the PFP stage, the Second Proposal (Proposed Program of up to 11 potential sales) will be analyzed. Using this required analysis and the public comments, the Secretary will determine her Final Proposal. The Secretary's Final Proposal as well as the underlying analysis will be published in the PFP and Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement documents. After a 60-day Presidential and Congressional waiting period, the Secretary may approve the new National OCS Program. For more information, visit boem.gov/oil-gas-energy/national-program/national-ocs-oil-and-gas-leasing-program-2023-2028.