



Vineyard Mid-Atlantic

Tips to Provide Helpful Comments

Public input on the scope of the Vineyard Mid-Atlantic EIS assists BOEM in evaluating the potential impacts of offshore wind development in lease area OCS-A 0544 during development of the draft EIS. BOEM will analyze the comments received, conduct technical analyses, and prepare the draft EIS for a period of 12-16 months after the public comment period closes.

BOEM welcomes comments on all facets of the EIS, but encourages stakeholders, organizations, Federal agencies, and Tribal, State, and local governments to provide comments that follow the guidelines below. Comments that only support or oppose the program do not provide enough specificity or substance for BOEM to evaluate the potential impact. Additionally, comments submitted via form letters that provide similar information as other comments are less helpful to BOEM in developing an accurate draft EIS.

Helpful Comments

- Are fact based.
- Include links to data or research and are supported by methodologies and/or assumptions when applicable.
- Provide specifics regarding potential impacts to the ocean, coasts, plants, animals, and people.
- Provide specifics on how, where, and when the ocean is used.
- Accurately describe potential impacts to the affected region, affected interests, and localities.



Examples of Helpful Comments

- **Fact & Location Specific:** One nautical mile north from lease area OCS-A 1234, at 200-meter water depth, is a shipwreck that is considered a historic property. Please consider this in your review.
- **Data/Research & Impacts:** The New York Bight area is an important habitat for the North Atlantic right whale. Experience with this species suggests that offshore wind vessel activity and noise disturbance could negatively impact them. Research on this topic, including potential avoidance or mitigation measures, is available at [link].
- **Fact, Impacts & Location Specific:** I manage a commercial fishing company that operates in the New York Bight lease areas. These areas have been productive spots for fisheries for many years. Our primary catch in the Vineyard Mid-Atlantic lease area is [species] and our fishing operation utilizes [gear type]. We are very concerned about offshore wind activity so close to our waters and possible effects on our fishing operations.

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Visit BOEM's Website

<https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/vineyard-mid-atlantic-ocs-0544> provides background information, details about the Vineyard Mid-Atlantic lease area, helpful tips for providing comments, and more.



Attend a Public Meeting

Public meetings will be scheduled in February 2025 to provide information on the environmental review process, facilitate Q&A with subject matter experts, and collect public comment.

To register for these virtual meetings, please visit <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/vineyard-mid-atlantic-ocs-0544>