

Gulf of Mexico Regional OCS Oil and Gas Programmatic EIS

Draft Programmatic EIS Comment Period

The Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Regional OCS Oil and Gas Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (GOM Oil and Gas Programmatic EIS) analyzed the potential environmental effects of oil and natural gas leasing from a representative single proposed lease sale in the GOM and associated oil- and gas-related activities in Federal Outer Continental Shelf waters that are within BOEM's Gulf of Mexico Western, Central, and Eastern Planning Areas. These planning areas encompass the areas offshore Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida. BOEM is now looking for your comments on the GOM Oil and Gas Programmatic EIS.

What Type of Comments is BOEM Looking For?

The public is encouraged to participate in the NEPA process and submit comments on the Draft GOM Oil and Gas Programmatic EIS during the public comment period. Public comments are especially valuable regarding the potential environmental impacts of a proposed action.

- Are there additional environmental resources that could be affected by OCS oil- and gas-related activities?
- Are there any additional environmental issues of concern to analyze?
- Do you have any feedback on the alternatives or additional alternatives to consider?
- Do you have any scientific or technical information that BOEM should include in its analysis?
- Is there additional technical information that BOEM should consider in the Greenhouse Gas analysis?

How Can I Provide Comments?

Written Comments

Visit <u>Regulations.gov</u> and under the Search tab, type in **Docket ID: BOEM-2023-0046** to submit written comments and view other comments. **This is the Agency Preferred Option**.

Oral Comments

During the Virtual Public Meetings, BOEM will provide an opportunity to present oral testimony. Three Virtual Public Meetings will be held:

- 1. January 14th, 1pm CST
- 2. January 15th, 9am CST
- 3. January 16th, 6pm CST

<u>Registration for this event</u> is strongly encouraged if you wish to present an oral comment.

For more information, visit the GOM Oil and Gas Programmatic EIS webpage.

