



BOEM

New York & New Jersey Environmental Justice Quarterly Forum

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Eastern

Virtual Meeting Registration:

[Virtual Registration Link](#)

NOTE: This is a draft agenda proposed for your consideration. BOEM hopes you will help shape the Environmental Justice Quarterly Forum by providing recommendations or additions to the agenda. We are thankful for all feedback! A final agenda incorporating as much as possible will be sent out in advance of the Forum.



Agenda

10:30 Introductions and Overview

Proposed Meeting Objectives:

- Identify priorities, needs, and issues to address through BOEM's draft New York Bight (NYB) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) specific to environmental justice and underserved communities.
- Develop a shared understanding of challenges affecting and efforts to engage environmental justice populations and underserved communities on offshore wind issues across New York and New Jersey.
- Provide updates on how BOEM is processing previous input for consideration in BOEM's decision making processes so far and invite feedback to continue refining next steps.

10:45 Announcements

A time for quick announcements (under 1 minute) from any participants about any environmental justice related activity or event that would be helpful for others to be aware of. **If you would like to make an announcement, please send your additions as edits or comments to this agenda or in an email to environmental.justice@boem.gov.**

10:55 Discuss Forum Charter

Jointly discuss a proposed Charter to guide roles, expectations, and long-term goals. BOEM will provide a draft Charter for consideration and seeks input from all Forum participants. We plan to repeat this agenda item at the January Quarterly Forum to further enable participants to shape the overarching goals of the Forum.

11:25 Discuss Input/Action Report

Overview of themes heard in environmental justice coordination meetings and Roundtable Convening, and how input is being addressed so far.

11:35 Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

- Brief presentation on the current status of BOEM's draft New York Bight (NYB) Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) to set the stage for what kind of input can inform analyses.

11:40 BREAK



11:45 Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement Continued

- Discuss local and regional issues and information for environmental justice populations in New York and New Jersey to inform how the PEIS approaches community identification and characterization. For example:
 - What are important coastal areas to you or the communities you serve?
 - What are existing environmental stressors in your area?
 - What are suggestions for localized data sources?
 - What communities do you know are underserved?

- Discuss potential impacts of offshore wind activities, including both benefits and burdens to environmental justice populations. For example:
 - Would space-use conflicts in nearshore or offshore areas impact members of environmental justice or underserved communities?
 - What types of impacts do you think environmental justice or underserved communities could experience from changes in coastal viewsheds?
 - What types of impacts do you think environmental justice or underserved communities could experience from onshore cable emplacement?
 - What types of impacts do you think environmental justice or underserved communities could experience from increased activity at ports?

12:15 Coordination, Engagement, and Process Improvements

- Discussion of how to improve and optimize coordination across environmental justice activities in the New York / New Jersey region.
- Updates on new or existing engagement strategies from meeting participants.
- Discussion of improvements to future meetings.
- Review and prioritize a list of “parking lot” items that were raised during the meeting and tabled for future discussion.

12:25 Summary and Next Steps

Review any commitments for next meeting.