

Department of Defense Update
BOEM New York Bight Renewable Energy Leasing
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The Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse) coordinates within the Department of Defense and has been leading the review of the New York Bight Wind Energy Areas in support of BOEM's efforts to deconflict the area. In June 2021, the Clearinghouse provided an update to their December 15, 2020, assessment by providing feedback on lease areas proposed in the Hudson South Wind Energy Area. Specifically, the DOD requested that BOEM exclude renewable energy leasing activities from areas that overlap with the W107C planning area (Figure 1).

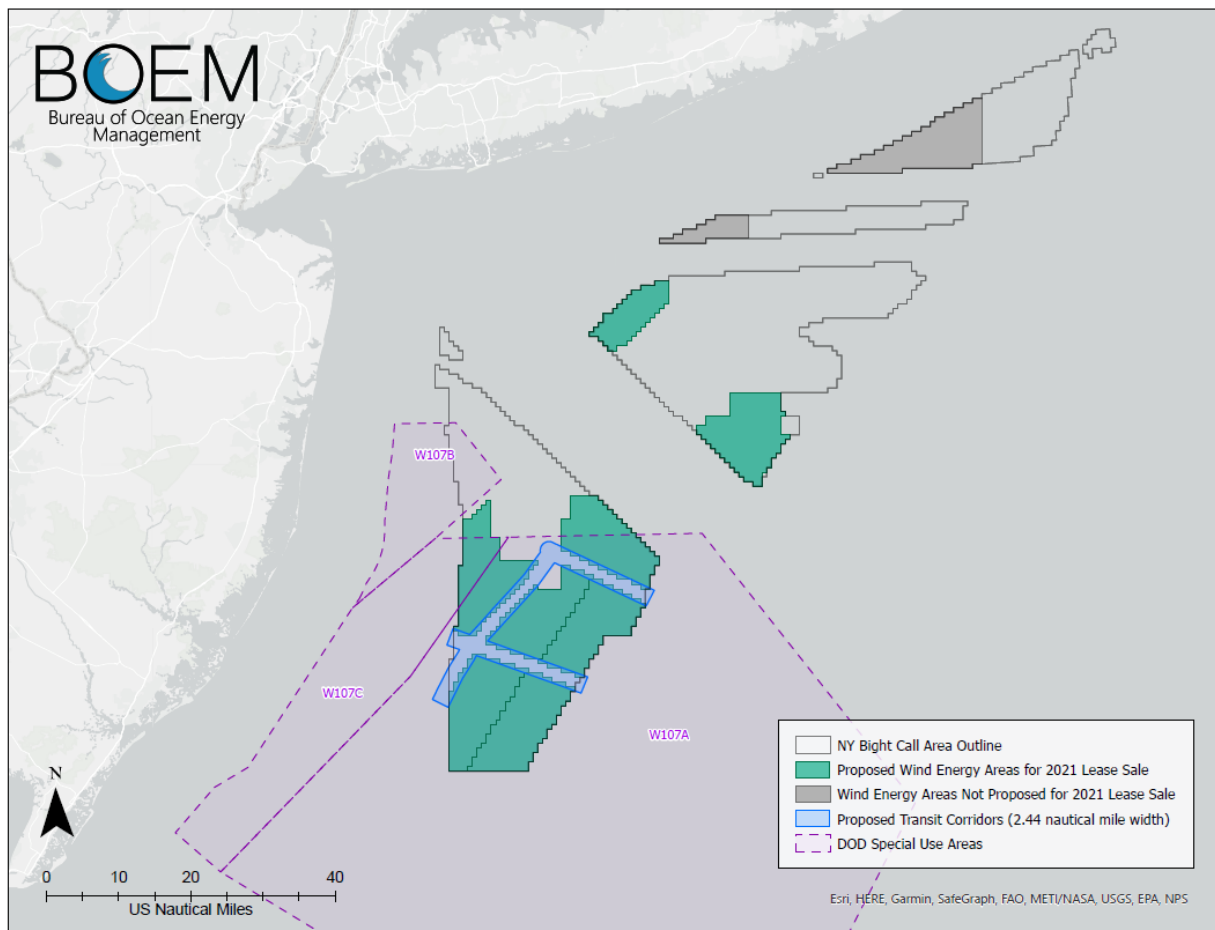


Figure 1: Overview map of the Clearinghouse's June 2021 assessment for the NY Bight.

The area impacted by the revised assessment is the proposed lease area OCS-A 0543 (Hudson South-A). To assist future planning activities, BOEM has subdivided OCS-A 0543 into sections X, Y and Z (Figure 2). Of the 87,755 acres originally comprising OCS-A 0543, 25,778 acres are in the wind exclusion area. The W107C planning area is utilized by the Department of the Navy's Marine Corps to conduct helicopter refueling exercises.

Table 1: Acreage of subsections of OCS-A 0543 X, Y and Z.

OCS-A 0543 DOD Assessment Areas	
Area	Acres
X	12,170
Y (DOD Exclusion)	25,778
Z	47,808
Total	85,755

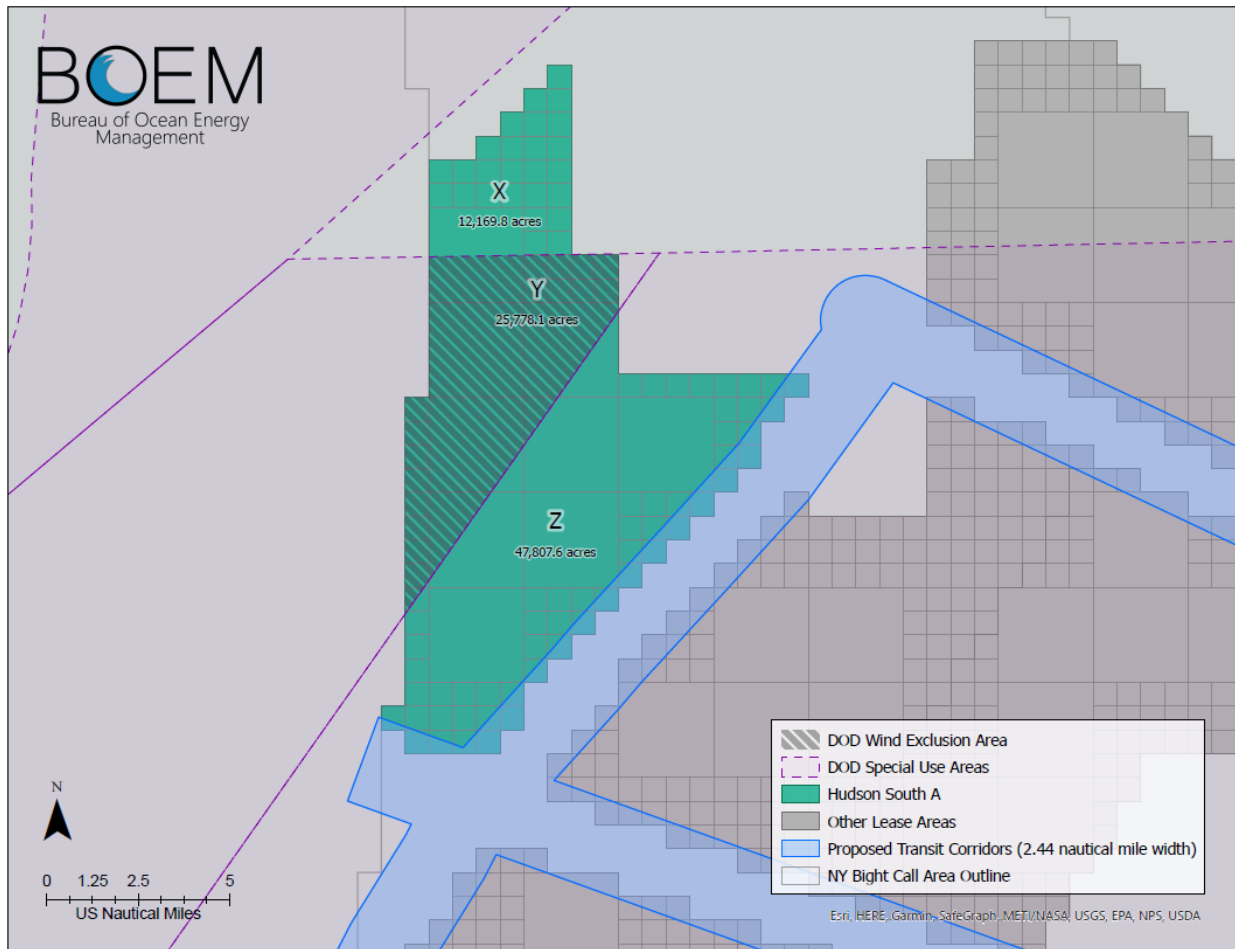


Figure 2: OCS-A 0543 with updated DOD assessment (June 2021)



BOEM is providing this update to inform stakeholders and ocean users and allow incorporation of this new information into comments in response to the June 14 Proposed Sale Notice. BOEM specifically requests feedback related to the following:

- How can BOEM use this new information and existing uses to develop a proposed lease area that encourages coexistence on the OCS?
- Should BOEM consider moving the transit lane southeast of area Z to allow for additional lease area acreage?
- Should BOEM consider leasing area X as a stand-alone lease area? Please describe potential value and limitations of a lease area of that size (~12,000 acres).