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How do I submit my comment?

The “Comment” button can be found on the following pages:

- **Docket Details** page when a document within the docket is open for comment,
- **Document Details** page when the document is open for comment, and
- **Document Search Tab** with all search results open for comment displaying a “Comment” button.

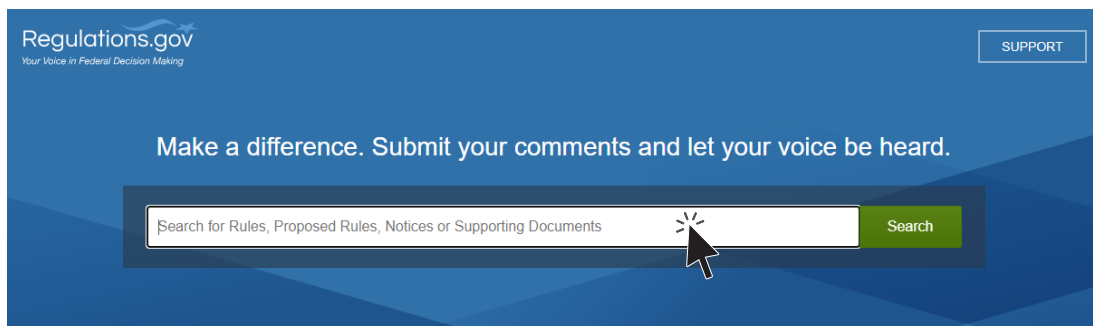
Clicking “Comment” on any of the above pages will display the comment form. You can enter your comment on the form, attach files (maximum of 20 files up to 10MB each), and choose whether to identify yourself as an individual, an organization, or anonymously. Please note that while you can submit comments anonymously, BOEM will not accept or consider anonymous comments as part of this

comment period. Be sure to complete all required fields depending on which identity you have chosen. Please note that information entered on the web form may be viewable publicly. Once you have completed all required fields and chosen an identity, the “Submit Comment” button is enabled.

Please note, comments are not editable or retrievable once submitted. To make changes, submit another comment referring to your previous comment correcting any errors and/or re-stating your position or opinion.

For this comment period, BOEM is also accepting comments by mail. To view this information, visit the document’s section labelled “Addresses.”

The comment due date on **Regulations.gov** is based on Eastern Time. Comments for the NY Bight Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) are due on February 26, 2024, so you have until 11:59 p.m. ET on February 26, 2024 to complete your comment on **Regulations.gov**.



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Why can't I submit my comment?

Prior to submitting your comment, please make sure that you:

- Entered information in all required fields marked with an asterisk (*).
- Selected an identity as an Individual, Organization or Anonymous.
- Resolved any errors on the form.

If you continue to have issues please contact the Help Desk:



Call: Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET
1-877-378-5457 (toll free) 703-454-9859



Email: regulationshelpdesk@gsa.gov

How do I find my comment?

After submitting your comment, the Success Screen will display a Comment Tracking Number; the Comment Tracking Number is the best way to find your comment again once it has been posted on **Regulations.gov**. It is recommended that you save this number (i.e. print the page or email the number to yourself) or provide your email address and click the email opt-in button on the comment form prior to submitting.

Once your comment is received, the appropriate agency must process it before it is posted to

Regulations.gov. Certain regulations may have thousands of comments and processing could take several weeks before it may be viewed online. Once processed, your comment is publicly viewable on **Regulations.gov**. Then, you will be able to find it online by entering the **Comment Tracking Number** in the search field on the homepage and navigating to the Comments browser tab on the search results page. You can also search by **Keyword** or **Submitter Name**.

How do I find and read all comments submitted by others on a docket?

Comments are made on individual documents within a docket. Please note that while everyone can comment, not every comment is made publicly available to read. You can only access those comments that are posted to **Regulations.gov** by the agencies.

When viewing the **Docket Details** page, you have two options for accessing these posted comments:

1. From the "Browse All Comments" tab, you can access a consolidated list of all comments from all documents in the docket.
2. From the "Browse Documents" tab, you can link to individual documents to make comments or review comments posted by others for that specific document.





What personal information does Regulations.gov collect?

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- **As an Individual:** Regulations.gov requires a first and last name that may be publicly disclosed on a document or on the Internet (via Regulations.gov and/or Regulations.gov APIs, a federal agency website, or a third-party, non-government website with access to publicly disclosed data on Regulations.gov).
- **As an Organization:** Regulations.gov does not require any personal information if you choose to submit a comment on behalf of an organization, only the organization type and name.

BOEM does not consider anonymous comments. Please include your name and city or state as part of your comment. BOEM makes all comments, including personally identifiable information included in the comment, available for public review online.

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Does my comment make a difference?

Yes, public participation matters and is an essential part of our democratic processes. Through public comment, federal agencies can work to ensure that regulatory policy considers the priorities and concerns of the public.

Visit [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) for more information.

Comment period

Comments on the New York Bight Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement informing the development of the Final PEIS must be received or postmarked no later than February 26, 2024. You may comment with the following methods:



Attend a Public Meeting

In-person and virtual public meetings will be scheduled in February 2024 to provide information on the environmental review process, facilitate Q&A with subject matter experts, and collect public comment.



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