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COAST GUARD ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Mission: to ensure our Nation's maritime safety, security and stewardship.
- Recognized as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) for:
 - maritime safety, maritime security, maritime mobility,
 - national defense, and
 - protection of the marine environment.
- Member of BOEM's State Renewable Energy Task Forces
- Collaborate on use of Navigation Safety Risk Assessments for evaluating specific projects
- Cooperating agency for NEPA purposes



Key Guidance: NVIC 01-19

- Published August 2019
- Guidance on information and factors the USCG will consider for any OREI (not just offshore wind)
- Recommendations which may include mitigations and identify potential impacts as a Cooperating agency for NEPA purposes to the Lead Agency (LA) (BOEM) on the following areas:
 - Safety of navigation for the entire maritime community
 - The Marine Transportation System (MTS)
 - Traditional uses of the waterway,
 - Other 11 Coast Guard missions (SAR, MEP, Security, etc.)
- Information to Industry, Port Safety and Security stakeholders and the general public concerning our Roles and Responsibilities
- Available online under 2019:
<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/OurOrganization/NVIC/Year/2010/>



NAVIGATION SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT (NSRA)

- BOEM requires completion by the developer
- Assessment of the risks to CG missions and mariners who operate in the proposed area.
- Provides information about who uses the waterway and provides waterway characteristics
- Leverages existing studies, standard industry practices, or guidelines from recognized sources (i.e governmental agencies or classification societies)
- For the identified risks, offers and evaluates potential mitigation measures.
- Reviewed by Coast Guard (HQ, District and Sector - in all Divisions – Prevention, SAR, Environmental Protection)
- Recommendations and potential conditions provided to BOEM from mitigation measures
 - Emergency shutdown procedures.
 - Communications capabilities.
 - Mariner Information Sheets.
 - Monitoring capabilities.
 - Marking and lighting schemes



Coast Guard activities in GoM

- Primarily Sector Northern New England
 - Includes Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and northeastern New York.
 - Covers over 5,000 miles of coastline and 11,000 square nautical miles of water.
 - Includes coastal and river cargo ports, cruise destinations, and Lake Champlain.
- Units (8 Stations, 8 Vessels, 3 Aids to Navigation Units, 2 Marine Safety Detachments)
- Operational Missions
 - Search and Rescue
 - Federal ATON (over 1000 aids)
 - Ice Breaking
 - Living Marine Resource (enforcement)
 - Port Waterways Coastal Security
- Local Coordination
 - ME/NH Port Safety Forum
 - Area Maritime Security Committee
 - Government input (State, USACE)

