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New York & New Jersey Environmental Justice Forum

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ET

With an optional post-meeting get-together from 12:30 – 1 p.m. ET

Meeting Registration:

[Virtual Meeting Registration](#)

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, underserved communities, and Indigenous Peoples.
- Continue to develop a shared understanding of challenges affecting and efforts to engage environmental justice populations, underserved communities, and Indigenous Peoples on offshore wind issues across New York and New Jersey.
- Provide updates on how previous input is being processed for consideration in BOEM's and others' decision-making processes so far and invite feedback to continue refining next steps.
- Grow relationships and improve coordination across agencies, governments, lessees, Indigenous Peoples, and community-based organizations.



Agenda

1. Introductions and Overview (5 minutes)

2. Discuss EJF Participation Guidelines (10 minutes)

Jointly review and discuss the latest edits to the draft EJF Participation Guidelines to guide roles, expectations, and long-term goals. Share expectations for the meeting today and information on how to participate.

3. Participant Announcements (15 minutes)

A time for announcements (under 1 minute) from participants about any environmental justice-related activity or event to share with others.

Planned announcements include an update on the PEIS drafting process and the NYSERDA lessee/community informational meeting.

Note: If you would like to share an announcement at any of the Forums, you may also send your addition to environmental.justice@boem.gov.

4. Present and Discuss Input Status Report (45 minutes)

BOEM will provide an overview of the Input Status Report developed following the October 2022 EJF, and a more detailed presentation on three topic areas to show how the potential impact is analyzed in the PEIS and/or how it's treated in the Input Status Report.

- Air quality
- Indigenous Peoples outreach and engagement
- Capacity building and compensation mechanisms pathways

5. Continued Discussion of Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures (30 minutes, or with the time remaining after concluding the previous discussion)

Reflect on whether there are themes that are not reflected in the Input Status Report.

Breakout rooms to discuss:

- Are there local and regional issues that are not identified in the Input Status Report on how the PEIS approaches community identification and characterization, related to:
 - Important coastal areas to you or the communities you serve?
 - Existing environmental stressors in your area?



- Increased activity at ports?
 - Space-use conflicts in nearshore or offshore areas?
 - Onshore cable placement?
 - Others?
- What are draft mitigation measures that should be analyzed in the PEIS?
 - Are there other potential impacts of offshore wind activities, including both benefits and burdens to environmental justice populations, to raise?

6. Coordination, Engagement, and Process Improvements (10 minutes)

Co-create the April 2023 EJF agenda and review a list of potential agenda topics. Provide feedback on the meeting and process (a survey will be provided in the chat).

7. Summary and Next Steps (5 minutes)

12:30 – 1 p.m. ET: Optional post-meeting get together (via Zoom).

The format will be semi-structured, with a prompt question to allow an informal opportunity for participants to get to know one another and deepen connections:

- What is one way you've made people in a group feel welcome, either personally or professionally?

Participants don't need a new Zoom link to join – just stay in the existing meeting for access.