

BOEMRE Maine Renewable Energy Task Force Meeting

Renewable Energy Uses of the Outer Continental Shelf

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Overview

- Background
- What is the Task Force's role?
- Why establish a Task Force?
- Who is part of the Task Force?
- How will the Task Force operate?

Bureau of Ocean Energy, Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE)

- Bureau within the U.S. Department of the Interior
- Manages the nation's natural gas, oil and other mineral resources on the OCS
- Collects, accounts for, and disburses more than \$25 billion per year in revenues



Energy Policy Act of 2005



Gave the Secretary of the Interior the authority to regulate the production, transportation, or transmission of energy from sources other than oil and gas –
“Renewable Energy”

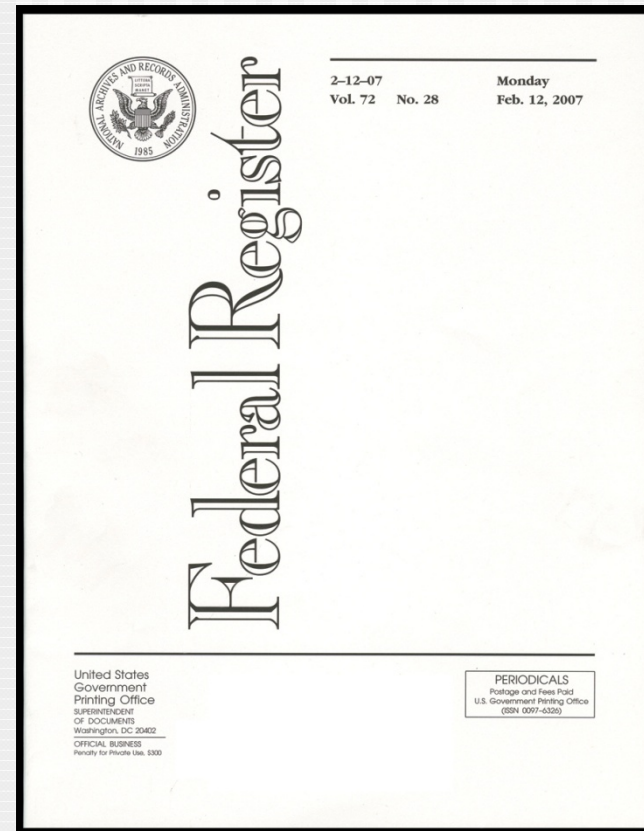
EPAct Key Mandates (EPAct 2005)



- Safety
- Protection of the environment
- Coordination with affected State, local, and tribal governments and relevant Federal agencies
- Fair return for use of OCS lands
- Equitable sharing of revenue with States

The Regulatory Framework

- President Obama announced the publication of the **final Renewable Energy Framework** on Earth Day 2009
- 30 CFR Part 285 (i.e. “The Rule”)



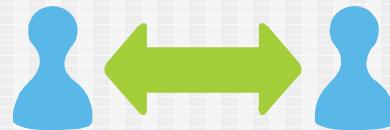
Coordination is Critical

- Section 285.102 states that BOEMRE will provide for coordination and consultation with the **Governor of any State or the executive of any local government or Indian tribe that may be affected** by a lease, easement, or ROW



What is an BOEMRE Task Force?

- A forum for:
 - **Educating** each other about permitting and statutory responsibilities, and stakeholders' issues
 - **Exchanging** data about biological and physical resources, uses, and priorities to inform renewable energy leasing and development
 - **Continuing dialogue** about renewable energy activities throughout the leasing process



What is an BOEMRE Task Force?

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- BOEMRE will consider Task Force member input as it makes its renewable energy leasing decisions
- The Task Force membership **cannot** alter the Regulatory Framework or the established leasing processes, but it **can** provide input on how these processes are implemented

Opportunities for Input

- Task Force members will be able to provide input **throughout** the leasing process. Some examples are:
 - Prepare the required BOEMRE notices and announcements, for example Request for Interest (RFI)
 - Identify potential issues such as environmental, military and navigational aviation conflicts etc.

Why Establish a Task Force?

Promotes efficient and effective decision-making by:

- Increasing understanding of regulatory processes
- Bringing together all interested and affected governmental parties to facilitate information sharing
- Providing the venue to discuss concerns, issues, and options for solutions **early in the leasing process**
- Reducing multiple-use conflicts and identifying information gaps and needs

Participation enables interested and affected parties to **proactively** provide input into the leasing process rather than react to BOEMRE's announcements and actions

Who is Part of the Task Force?

- Relevant Federal agencies with explicit or inherent governmental responsibility
- State government officials, designated by the Governor
- Local elected government officials
- Tribal elected government officials



How does the Task Force Operate?

- Established and coordinated by the BOEMRE
- Ms. Karin Tilberg leads State participation on behalf of the Governor
- Membership is dynamic
- Task Force is governed by an adopted Charter

Questions?

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