



Minerals Management Service Virginia Task Force Meeting

- ❑ Minerals Management Service (MMS)
- ❑ Office of Offshore Alternative Energy Programs (OAEP)

Renewable Energy Uses of the Outer Continental Shelf

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Overview

- ❑ Background
- ❑ Task Force Purpose
- ❑ Task Force Establishment
- ❑ Task Force Membership
- ❑ Task Force Operation

MMS

- ❑ U.S. Department of the Interior Agency
- ❑ Manage natural gas, oil and other mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)
- ❑ Collect, account for, and disburse \$25 billion in revenue annually



Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAAct)



Provided the Secretary of Interior authority to regulate energy:

- Generation
- Transportation
- Transmission
- from sources other than oil and natural gas
- “Renewable Energy”**

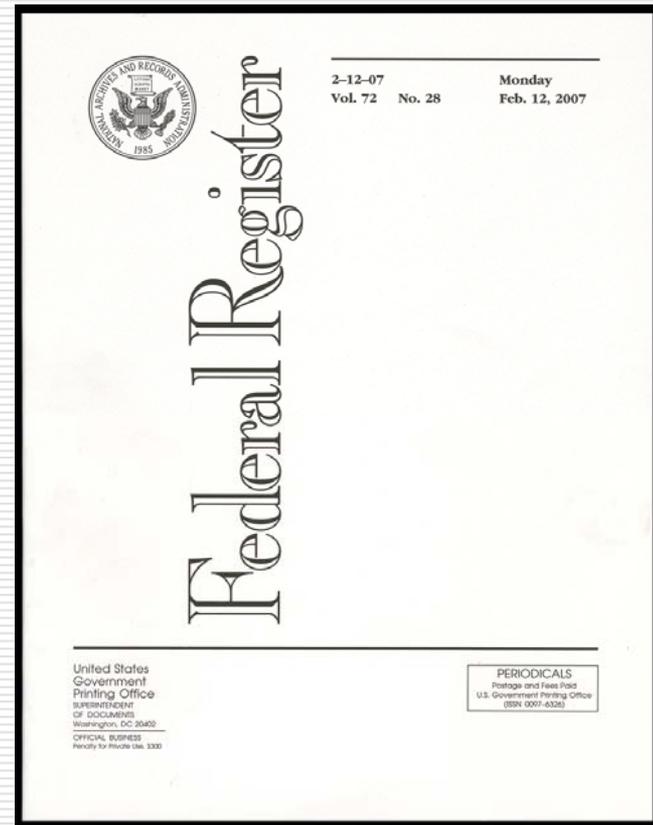
EPAct Key Mandates



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

The Regulatory Framework

- President Obama announced the **Renewable Energy Framework** on Earth Day 2009
- **30 CFR Part 285**
- A.K.A “The Rule”



Task Force Purpose

- Task Force development is the preferred first step in the leasing process.
- A forum to disseminate information
 - Allows coordination and information gathering
 - Essential to early decision-making
 - Ensures effective and efficient leasing process.

Task Force Coordination is Critical

- Section 285.102
 - MMS 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



Why Establish a Task Force?

- ❑ Promotes efficient and effective communication
- ❑ A way to disseminate information in a timely and consistent manner
- ❑ Having all government parties at the same table facilitates information sharing **as early as possible**

Participation will give interested and affected parties the opportunity to actively provide input into the leasing process rather than simply react to MMS 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?

- ❑ Operations coordinated by the MMS
- ❑ Director Stephen Walz leads State participation on behalf of the Governor
- ❑ Membership is dynamic
- ❑ Task Force is governed by an adopted Charter

Task Force Input

- Members **can** provide meaningful and timely input in the implementation of the MMS renewable energy regulatory framework
- Members **cannot** alter the Regulatory Framework or established leasing processes

Opportunities for Input

- Task Force members will be able to provide input **throughout** the leasing process, for example:
 - Preparing the required MMS notices and announcements such as a Request for Interest (RFI)
 - Conducting environmental analyses
 - Identifying environmental data needs

Questions?

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