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Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Office of Renewable Energy Programs

Outer Continental Shelf Renewable Energy

BOEM Renewable Energy Program

In 2009 BOEM announced final regulations for the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Renewable Energy Program. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct) and the regulations provide a framework for issuing leases, easements and rights-of-way for OCS activities that support production and transmission of energy from sources other than oil and natural gas. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is responsible for offshore renewable energy development in Federal waters and anticipates substantial future development on the OCS especially from offshore wind energy.



