

Gulf of Mexico Regional OCS Oil and Gas Programmatic EIS

Project Overview

The Proposed Action

The proposed action is to hold an oil and gas lease sale on the Federal Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) in the Gulf of Mexico (GOM).

The Need

The Proposed Action is needed to address the ongoing domestic demand for oil and gas resources and, per current law, to facilitate the development of offshore wind as a source of renewable electricity.

The Purpose

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to facilitate the potential development of those areas that may contain economically recoverable oil and gas.



Used to inform decisions on GOM oil and gas lease sales, tiered to for associated site- and activity-specific OCS oil- and gas-related activity approvals, and helps inform extraordinary circumstance reviews.

In this Programmatic EIS, BOEM analyzed a representative oil and gas lease sale on the Federal OCS in the Gulf of Mexico. BOEM analyzed the entire area shaded in green on the figure below.





For more information, visit the GOM Oil and Gas Programmatic EIS webpage.

The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) manages development of U.S. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) energy, mineral, and geological resources in an environmentally and economically responsible way.