Pipeline Installation & Decommissioning Regarding Multi-use

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BSEE GOMR Outer Continental Shelf Pipeline Multi-use Perspectives, Policies, and Prospectives

- Overview.
- Pipeline statistics regarding Significant Sediment Resource Areas.
- Regulations and guidance documents regarding SSRAs.
- Current policies and processes.
- BSEE GOMR Pipeline Section objectives.
- On the Horizon:
 - Subpart J update.
 - Renewables.
 - Carbon capture and sequestration.



OCS Multi-use Prospectives and Perspectives

Renewables (Offshore Wind)

- Managed by Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Renewables Team.
 - > BSEE provides support to BOEM as a cooperating agency.
 - > No practical or economic use for decommissioned pipelines in support of offshore wind.

Carbon Capture Sequestration

- To be managed by both BSEE and BOEM.
 - > OCS Pipelines are envisioned to be involved in CCS on the OCS.
 - > BOEM to issue Right-of-Ways while BSEE will manage the permitting for operations.

Significant Sediment Resource Areas

- BSEE coordinates with BOEM's Office of the Environment.
 - > All new installations and decommissionings within SSRAs.
 - > BSEE ensures that no decommissionings will conflict with this OCS multi-use potential.



Pipeline Statistics SSRA vs. Rest of Gulf

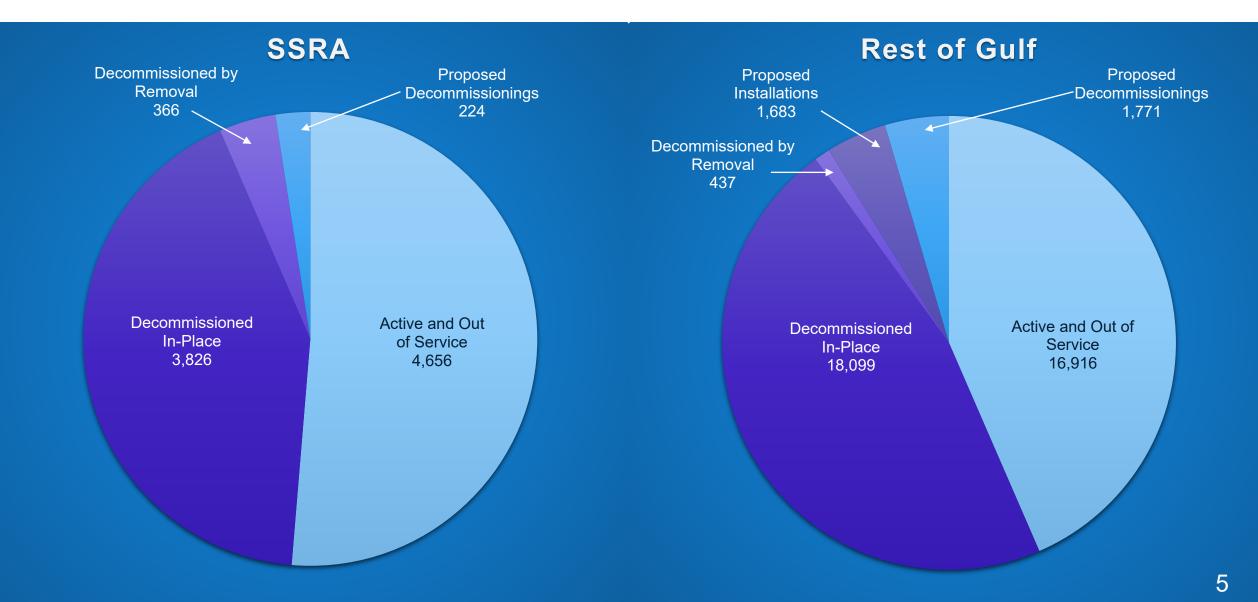
Number of Segments as of November 17, 2022





Pipeline Statistics SSRA vs. Rest of Gulf

Miles as of November 17, 2022



BSEE's Decommissioning Regulations

Subpart Q 30 CFR 250.1700-1754

- Pertinent Definitions in 30 CFR 250.1700
 - Decommission Obstructions (Includes pipelines as a potential hinderance to other OCS uses).
- Pertinent Decommissioning Requirements
 - 30 CFR 250.1750 When may I decommission a pipeline in place?
 - 30 CFR 250.1754 When must I remove a pipeline decommissioned in place?



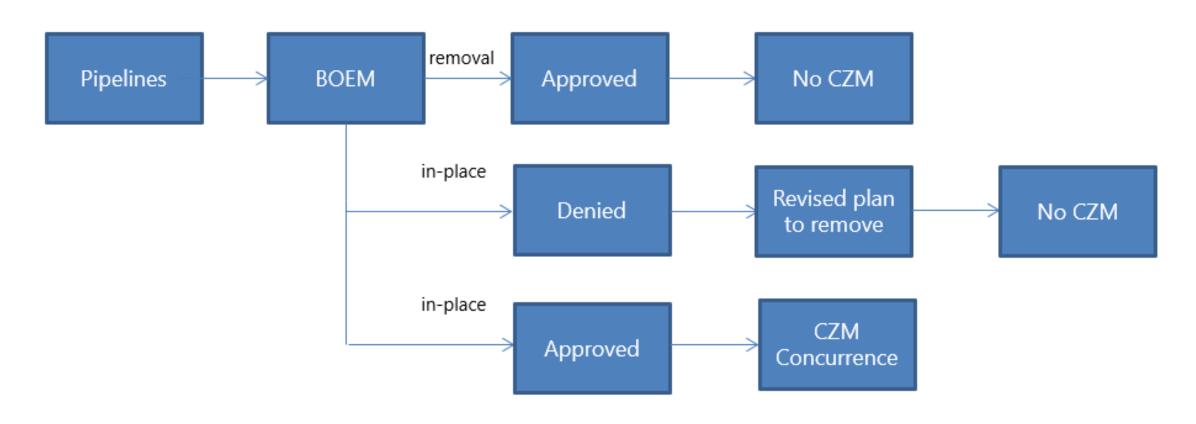
Notice to Lessee (NTL) No. 2009-G04 Significant OCS Sediment Resources in the Gulf of Mexico

- Issued pursuant to 30 CFR 581.8 and provides guidance for the avoidance and protection of significant sediment resources essential to coastal restoration initiatives in the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region (GOMR).
- Significant OCS Sediment Resources Avoidance and Protection Policy for all operators and pipeline ROW holders:
 - Make sure that bottom-disturbing activities (including pipelines) avoid, to the maximum extent practicable, significant OCS sediment resources.
 - Any activity that lasts more than 180 days and is located within 305 lateral meters (1,000 feet) and 20 vertical meters (65 feet) below the natural seafloor of any designated sediment resources is considered bottom disturbing and inconsistent with this policy.



BSEE Pipeline Section SSRA Policy Statement

Policy Statement: If removal proposed, then no need for a State's Coastal Zone Management (CZM) program's or BOEM's Marine Minerals Program (MMP) concurrence.





BSEE GOMR Pipeline Section's Objectives

Facilitating OCS pipeline installation and decommissioning activities:

- 1. By conducting appropriate rigorous technical and environmental reviews.
- 2. By ensuring that pipelines do not conflict with other OCS uses.
- 3. By taking the appropriate final action on applications in a timely manner.



On The Horizon

30 CFR Part 250 - Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations on the OCS

- Subpart J The Pipeline Rule.
 - Updating is ongoing.
 - Proposed rule to be issued in 2023.

30 CFR Part 585 – Renewable Energy and Alternate Uses of Existing Facilities on the Outer Continental Shelf

• BSEE and BOEM are planning for the transfer of safety, environmental compliance, and enforcement functions to BSEE.

BSEE and BOEM Carbon Capture Sequestration Rules are being developed

- BSEE 30 CFR Part 260 Carbon Sequestration Operations on the OCS.
 - Subpart J OCS Carbon Sequestration Pipelines.



Any Questions?

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