# Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Oil & Gas Decommissioning Activities on the POCS

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The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for Oil and Gas Decommissioning Activities on the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

The PEIS covers decommissioning applications for the removal and disposal of oil and gas (O&G) platforms, associated pipelines, and other obstructions and facilities located offshore Southern California on the POCS as required by regulation and governing lease terms. The BSEE and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) POCS Regions prepared the PEIS to identify and evaluate the potential environmental impacts and socioeconomic considerations pertinent to the proposed action and alternatives. The PEIS supports future Federal review of and action on decommissioning applications, and provides a programmatic analysis to which future, site-specific National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analyses may tier, as permitted in NEPA's implementing regulations (43 CFR 46.140; 40 CFR 1501.11). Future analyses will focus on site-specific issues and effects related to decommissioning activities.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) assisted BSEE in the preparation of this environmental impact statement. BSEE and BOEM prepared the PEIS to inform BSEE's future decisions on operator applications to decommission OCS oil and gas platforms and associated infrastructure off the Southern California coast. The Army Corps of Engineers participated as a cooperating agency.

This pdf includes the following documents which can be found individually at https://www.boem.gov/regions/pacific-ocs-region/oil-gas/pacific-oil-and-gas-decommissioning-activities

Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)

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