

The NewsRoom

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MMS is Holding Offshore Renewable Energy Stakeholder Workshops

On April 29, 2009, the U.S. Department of the Interior issued the [final regulatory framework](#) (1,650.24 KB PDF) on [Renewable Energy and Alternate Uses](#) of Existing Facilities on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is conducting workshops during the month of June that allow stakeholders to learn more about the regulatory framework for renewable energy activities on the OCS. The workshops are open to the public; all interested stakeholders who want to learn about the MMS leasing process are encouraged to attend. Leases issued under the new regulatory framework will authorize activities related to renewable energy development, such as commercial development of offshore wind, wave, or ocean current, or non-commercial activities related to assessing renewable energy potential in an area. The workshops consist of a presentation followed by a question and answer session. FERC staff will be available at several workshops as indicated below to discuss the Commission's role in the issuance of licenses for wave or ocean current projects on the OCS.

Workshops will be held in the following locations:

June 24: Seattle, WA

Room 1, Level 4
Seattle Public Library
1000 Fourth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (noon)
FERC staff will attend this meeting.

June 25: Portland, OR

Ross Island Room
Doubletree Hotel
1000 N.E. Multnomah
Portland, OR 97232
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (noon)
FERC staff will attend this meeting.

June 26: San Francisco, CA

Port Commission Hearing Room
Ferry Building
San Francisco, CA 94111
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (noon)
FERC staff will attend this meeting.

Workshops were recently held in the following locations:

June 4: Washington, DC

South Interior Building
1951 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20245
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FERC staff will attend this meeting.

June 8: Norfolk, VA

Hampton Roads Ballroom VII
Marriott Norfolk Waterside
235 East Main Street
Norfolk, VA 23510
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

June 9: Boston, MA

Suffolk Room (Third Floor)
Marriott Copley Place
110 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02116
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (noon)

June 9: New Orleans, LA

Conference Room 111
1201 Elmwood Park Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70123
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

June 10: New York, NY

Ziegfeld Room
New York Marriott Marquis
1535 Broadway
New York, NY 10036
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (noon)

June 10: Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Dolphin Ballroom
Hilton Garden Inn Ft. Lauderdale/Hollywood Airport
180 SW 18th Ave.
Dania Beach, FL 33004
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
FERC staff will attend this meeting.

June 11: Monmouth, NJ

Wilson Auditorium
Monmouth University
400 Cedar Avenue
West Long Branch, NJ 07764
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

June 11: Savannah, GA

Oglethorpe A&B
Marriott Savannah Riverfront
100 General McIntosh Boulevard
Savannah, GA 31401
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

June 15: Rockport, ME

(at EnergyOcean conference -this workshop is open to the public.
Workshop attendees are not required to register for the EnergyOcean conference)
See: <http://www.energyocean.com/2009/>
Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
FERC staff will attend this meeting.

Press Release - [Salazar Announces Public Workshops on Offshore Renewable Energy Program: Offshore Renewable Energy Regulations Become Effective June 29, 2009](#)

[Renewable Energy and Alternate Use Program](#)

[Final Renewable Energy Framework](#)

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