Public Comment Period Information

BOEM is seeking public input on the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Lease Sale 259 and 261 Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Public input assists the US Department of the Interior and BOEM with evaluating the potential impacts of oil and gas development on the OCS. This input helps inform the lease sale processes for GOM Oil and Gas Lease Sales 259 and 261 as directed in the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

What public comments is BOEM looking for?

BOEM is requesting public and stakeholder input on the Draft Supplemental EIS to inform the lease sale processes for GOM Lease Sales 259 and 261 as directed in the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

Therefore, BOEM seeks feedback and input on the following:

- Additional data sources
- Adequacy of methodological approaches and alternative methodological approaches
- Accuracy of assumptions used in the analyses
- Where further clarification is needed

How can I submit my comments?

1. **Agency Preferred Option:** Visit [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and under the Search tab, type in **Docket ID: BOEM-2022-0048** to submit comments and view other comments

2. **During the Virtual Public Meetings on October 24, 2022, and October 26, 2022,** through oral testimony. Registration [https://www.boem.gov/GoM-Sales-259-and-261-SEIS](https://www.boem.gov/GoM-Sales-259-and-261-SEIS) for this event is strongly encouraged if you wish to present an oral comment.

What will BOEM do with the comments?

All in scope comments will be organized, summarized, and addressed in the Final EIS. For more information, visit [https://www.boem.gov/GoM-Sales-259-and-261-SEIS](https://www.boem.gov/GoM-Sales-259-and-261-SEIS).