OCS Oil and Gas Leasing, Exploration, and Development Process

**National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program**
- Request For Information
- Draft Proposed Program and NOI for PEIS Published
- Proposed Program and Draft PEIS Published
- Proposed Final Program and Final PEIS Published
- Program Approved and ROD Published

**Typical Planning for Specific Oil and Gas Lease Sale**
- Call for Information Published
- Area Identification
- Proposed Notice CZM CD Sent to States
- Final Notice of Sale Published
- Sale Held
- Fair Market Value Analysis
- Leases Issued

**Oil and Gas Exploration Plan and Drilling Approval**
- Exploration Plan Submitted
- NEPA Review
- State CZM Review
- Exploration Plan Review and Approval
- APD Review and Permitting Decisions
- Exploration Drilling Starts
- First Exploration Well(s) Drilled
- Delineation Well Drilling

**Oil and Gas Development and Production Plan Approval**
- Development and Production Plan Document Submitted
- NEPA Review
- State CZMA
- Development and Production Plan Review and Approval
- APD Review and Permitting Decision
- First Oil/Gas Production

Key: APD = Application for Permit to Drill; BOEM = Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; BSEE = Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; CD = Consistency Determination; CZM = Coastal Zone Management; DNA = Determination of NEPA Adequacy; G2G = government-to-government; NEPA = National Environmental Policy Act; NOI = Notice of Intent; OCS = Outer Continental Shelf; PEIS = programmatic environmental impact statement; ROD = Record of Decision.