Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Bureau within the U.S. Department of the Interior

Oversees development of the nation’s oil and gas, renewable energy, and the other mineral and energy resources on the Outer Continental Shelf

Jurisdiction is 3 statute miles out to the Exclusive Economic Zone (~200 miles)

- Oil and Gas
- Renewable Energy
- Marine Minerals
Stages of Offshore Wind Authorization Process

Planning and Analysis

Leasing

Site Assessment

Construction and Operations
Stage 1: Planning and Analysis

Establish Task Forces
- 2010
- 2012
- 2013

Area Identification
- De-conflict areas for potential leasing

Publish Notices
(1) Request for Interest
   - 2013
(2) Call for Information and Nominations
   - 2014
(3) Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment
   - 2014

Announce identification of a “Wind Energy Area” for potential leasing

Conduct Environmental Compliance Reviews
NEPA
Covers lease issuance and site characterization/site assessment activities
Lease Sales

- Rhode Island (July 2013)
- Virginia (September 2013)
- Maryland (December 2014)
- Massachusetts (March 2015)
- New Jersey (November 9, 2015)
- North Carolina (2016)
- New York (2017)
- South Carolina (2018)
Commercial Leases
• MA-3 Wind
• RI-2 Wind
• DE-1 Wind
• MD-2 Wind
• VA-1 Wind

Research Lease
• VA-1 Wind

Other
• FL-1 Current
• RI-1 Cable