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### **Statement from the New York Offshore Wind Alliance on the Issuance of the Vineyard Wind Final EIS**

*Albany, NY, March 8, 2021* – The New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA) issued the following statement regarding the Bureau of Offshore Energy Management’s (BOEM) announcement that it had complete its environmental review of the Vineyard Wind offshore wind project.

“NYOWA applauds BOEM’s announcement today that it had completed its environmental analysis of the Vineyard Wind offshore wind project. Issuance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement represents a milestone in the history of this emerging U.S. clean energy industry and clearly demonstrates the new Administration’s commitment to addressing climate change and restarting the economy from the ravages of Covid -19. The President has wasted no time implementing his Climate Executive Order calling for urgent and comprehensive action to confront the climate crisis, including advancing offshore wind energy development “while ensuring robust protection for our lands, water, and biodiversity and creating good jobs.”

The Vineyard Wind project, if approved, will be the most advanced large-scale offshore wind project in America but with many others close behind. In New York State, five projects totaling nearly 5,000 megawatts of capacity have won awards from the New York Energy Research and Development Authority and are under various stages of development. New York, at 9,000 megawatts, has the most ambitious offshore wind target in the United States and electricity produced by the wind farms already in the pipeline is expected to generate one-third of the state’s electricity demand in 2030.

NYOWA is united in its belief that that offshore wind power can and must be developed in a manner that protects coastal and marine ecosystems and advances social equity and environmental justice. Done right, the offshore wind industry will create quality, family sustaining jobs in the manufacturing, construction, operation, and maintenance of projects and associated infrastructure and port facilities.

The Biden Administration's long-awaited decision on the Vineyard Wind project, which had languished in the prior Administration, sends a clear and unambiguous signal that it intends to advance this groundbreaking industry.

NYOWA looks forward to BOEM moving forward with the designation of new wind energy areas in the New York Bight and the notices of intent to proceed with the review of other offshore wind projects in the pipeline.”

**About the New York Offshore Wind Alliance:** The New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA) is a diverse coalition of organizations with a shared interest in promoting the responsible development of offshore wind power for New York. NYOWA is a project of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY). [www.nyowa.org](http://www.nyowa.org)

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