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NYOWA Statement on BOEM Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Empire Wind Project *New notice opens 60-day public comment period*

ALBANY, Nov. 15, 2022 — Today, the New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA) issued the following statement in response to the issuance of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) by the United States Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) for the Empire Wind project.

“The issuance of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the 2,076 MW Empire Wind project marks a considerable step forward in the development of the significant offshore wind resources lying off New York’s coastline,” said Fred Zalcman, director of NYOWA. “The DEIS is the culmination of detailed analysis and careful consideration of measures to avoid and mitigate any identified environmental or economic impacts, limited as they are, and paves the way for the responsible construction and operation of this facility, providing quality jobs and carbon-free electricity for years to come.”

During the comment period, BOEM will hold three virtual public meetings, where the public can learn more about the review process, EIS schedule, potential impacts from the proposed project, and proposals to reduce potential impacts. There will also be an opportunity for participants to provide comments on the DEIS.

The public meetings will be held on the following dates and times. All times are Eastern:

- Wednesday, December 7, 2022; 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 13, 2022; 5:00 PM
- Thursday, December 15, 2022; 1:00 PM

The public comment period ends on January 17, 2023.

The input received via this process will inform preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

For more information, see the [Empire Wind project page](#) on the BOEM website.

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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).