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NYOWA Announcement on the Transition in Leadership at BOEM

Amanda Lefton resigns; Elizabeth Klein announced as new director

ALBANY, Jan.11, 2023 – Today, the New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA) offered the following statement in response to the announced resignation of Amanda Lefton as director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the Biden Administration’s announcement that Elizabeth Klein will step into this role.

“Director Lefton has left an indelible mark in her tenure at BOEM, laying the important groundwork for mainstreaming of offshore wind as a significant, U.S.-based clean energy technology,” stated Fred Zalcman, director of NYOWA. “Under her leadership, BOEM has set, and is on a trajectory to achieve, ambitious offshore wind deployment targets; and instituted needed policy and program reforms to provide greater permitting certainty, facilitate a just transition, and address stakeholder concerns head on.”

“NYOWA congratulates Elizabeth Klein in her new role and looks forward to working with her in continuing the Biden Administration’s efforts to harness the economic, environmental and equity benefits of offshore wind,” Zalcman said

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