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To: Bird, Patrick

Cc: Hooker, Brian; Wortman, Eric; McGrath, Morgan; Timmermann, Timothy; Wolf, Jacob W

**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] EPA - BOEM Confirmation of Lead Agency Designation

**Date:** Tuesday, December 13, 2022 7:19:38 PM

## Hi Patrick,

Thank you for email. I am writing to confirm receipt of your email dated November 4, 2022 as well as confirm your understanding of BOEM's role as the lead Federal agency for ESA, MSA, and NHPA for the Revolution Wind, Sunrise Wind, New England Wind Phase 1 and Phase 2, and Mayflower Wind projects. Please let us know if there is any additional follow-up needed on this matter.

## Thanks,

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Ms. Stromberg,

EPA Region 1 is currently reviewing the Clean Air Act permit application materials for several offshore wind farm development projects. As you know, based on a 2018 agreement between EPA and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) (attached), BOEM assumed the lead Federal agency role for compliance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA), 16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq., the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA), 16 U.S.C. § 1801 et seq., and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 54 U.S.C. § 300101 et seq. on wind energy development projects on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) off the Atlantic coast, and that EPA is a co-action agency for all proposed and future ESA, MSA, and NHPA compliance activities associated with wind development projects on the Atlantic OCS.

I am writing you this email to reaffirm the understanding laid out in our 2018 agreement for the offshore wind development projects currently under EPA's review for a Clean Air Act permit pursuant to 40 CFR part 55. Specifically, EPA Region 1 is currently reviewing application materials for the following offshore wind development projects:

- Revolution Wind
- Sunrise Wind
- New England Wind Phase 1
- New England Wind Phase 2
- Mayflower Wind

The EPA appreciates BOEM's willingness to serve as the designated lead agency for the purposes of fulfilling the agencies' collective obligations for the aforementioned statutes. Additionally, we understand that BOEM will consider the effects of EPA's Clean Air Act permitting action in fulfilling its consultation obligations under each of these statutes. We request that BOEM acknowledge receipt of this email and confirm our understanding of BOEM's role as the lead Federal agency for ESA, MSA, and NHPA for each of the projects listed above.

Thank you,

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