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Subject: Massachusetts Federal Consistency Review on EPA Air Permits for Offshore Wind Projects

Good afternoon Mr. Turner,

Lisa Engler, the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Director asked me to respond to your email. Presently, CZM Permits issued under 40 CFR part 55 are not included as a listed activity in our Program Plan. As such, CZM does not intend to seek consistency review under the Coastal Zone Management Act for EPA's issuance of a part 55 air permit for the Southcoast Wind project (Lease Area OCS-A 0521) at this time. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

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Hi Lisa,

Under Section 328 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), the Environmental Protection Agency established federal air permitting rules to control air pollution from the outer continental shelf (OCS) at 40 CFR part 55. The EPA has not delegated the part 55 permit program to Massachusetts or Rhode Island, and thus the EPA serves as the permitting authority for New England OCS areas. Permits issued pursuant to 40 CFR part 55 regulate and restrict air emissions related to construction and operation activities associated with OCS sources, including certain vessels servicing the OCS sources. Permits are required before project construction can begin.

The U.S. EPA Region 1 office in Boston is currently reviewing air permit applications for the following offshore wind projects on the outer continental shelf:

Southcoast Wind- This project is located in Lease Area OCS-A 0521. The EPA received an initial air permit application on November 23, 2022, and deemed it complete on April 7, 2023.

The EPA has reviewed Massachusetts's listed federal actions for federal license or permit activities at <https://coast.noaa.gov/data/czm/consistency/media/ma.pdf>. The EPA's action to issue an OCS air permit under the regulations at 40 CFR part 55 is not included on the current list of federal actions for federal consistency review. Please confirm that Massachusetts does not intend to seek consistency review under the Coastal Zone Management Act for EPA's issuance of a part 55 air permit for the above listed projects.

Respectfully,

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