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Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

Promoting Safety, Protecting the Environment and Conserving Offshore Resources

BSEE Statement on Vineyard Wind Offshore Incident

WASHINGTON – The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement today issued the following statement regarding an incident involving blade damage on a Vineyard Wind offshore turbine.

“Following the July 13, 2024, blade failure incident at Vineyard Wind, BSEE has issued a Suspension Order to Vineyard Wind to cease power production from all its wind turbine generators until it can be determined whether the blade failure affects any other VW turbines. The Suspension Order suspends power production on the lease area and suspends installation of new wind turbine generator construction: Those operations will remain shut down until the suspension is lifted. BSEE has also issued a Preservation Order to safeguard any evidence that may be relevant to determining the cause of the incident.

As of this date, there are no reported injuries or harm to any marine resources or mammals from the incident. BSEE is onsite with Vineyard Wind as investigations are underway. BSEE will conduct an independent assessment to ensure the safety of future offshore renewable energy operations.”

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