



## ATLANTIC SHORES OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY JULY 2024

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is requesting public comment and holding a virtual public hearing regarding the draft Outer Continental Shelf, or OCS, air permit for Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind Project 1, LLC for the construction and operation of a wind-to-energy project, commonly known as a wind farm, located 8.7 miles from the New Jersey shoreline near Atlantic City, New Jersey.

### Public Comment Period: July 12, 2024 to August 16, 2024

The draft OCS air permit and fact sheet are available on the EPA Region 2 Clean Air Act permitting website with instructions on how to submit public comment: [www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/caa-permits-issued-epa-region-2](http://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/caa-permits-issued-epa-region-2)

### Virtual Public Hearing: August 12, 2024 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The purpose of the virtual public hearing is not informational; the EPA will not be answering questions about the project. The public hearing is an opportunity for the public to submit comments orally. Those who wish to attend the public hearing should first review the documents and information available on the EPA's website: [www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/caa-permits-issued-epa-region-2](http://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/caa-permits-issued-epa-region-2)

If you are interested in attending, please register in advance to receive the meeting link. Anyone interested in providing oral public comment during the hearing should **register by August 8, 2024**.

Register here: [https://usepa.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltf-mgpzktH4b85J60m042\\_EwZV6g1N8Y](https://usepa.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltf-mgpzktH4b85J60m042_EwZV6g1N8Y)

If you cannot speak, read, write, or understand the English language or you are a person with disabilities and need reasonable modifications and/or auxiliary aids and services, please contact Maya Greally at [greally.maya@epa.gov](mailto:greally.maya@epa.gov) or call 212-637-3588 to request services free of charge **no later than July 31, 2024**.

## Project Summary

Atlantic Shores is proposing to develop two wind farms, Atlantic Shores Project 1 and Atlantic Shores Project 2, collectively referred to as the "Atlantic Shores project." Atlantic Shores submitted one application and the EPA will issue one draft OCS permit for both wind farms.

The Atlantic Shores project will include up to 200 offshore wind turbines, up to 8 small, 5 medium, or 4 large offshore substations to collect the electricity produced, and the associated cables needed to transport the electricity. This project is anticipated to generate approximately 2,470 megawatts of electrical power for the

State of New Jersey. It will also include onshore components that are not addressed in the draft OCS air permit, such as onshore substations. Onshore components are being addressed in separate federal, state, and/or local permitting or government review processes that may have their own public comment processes and are not a part of this draft permit's public review.

The EPA analysis has shown that the construction and operation of the Atlantic Shores project will meet all applicable Clean Air Act requirements, including the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, the Prevention of Significant Deterioration, or PSD, requirements, Nonattainment New Source Review requirements, federal standards that apply to diesel engines, and relevant New Jersey State air regulations. Because of the Atlantic Shores project's proximity to the Brigantine National Wilderness Area located in the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was provided a copy of Atlantic Shores' OCS permit application and the EPA's draft OCS permit and fact sheet for review.

## **Written Public Comment**

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The EPA has made available several supporting documents for review during the public comment period. Reading these documents in order allows for better understanding and more meaningful comment. The EPA recommends that before submitting public comment, you read the below documents.

- Draft Outer Continental Shelf Air Permit (EPA Permit Number: OCS-EPA-R2 NJ 01)
- Fact Sheet for the Draft Outer Continental Shelf Air Permit
- Public Notice

The application and other supporting documents are available at docket number **EPA-R02-OAR-2024-0312** at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and [www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/caa-permits-issued-epa-region-2](http://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/caa-permits-issued-epa-region-2).

**Written comments may be submitted by email by August 16, 2024:**

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