

Supporting Statement A
Renewable Energy on the Outer Continental Shelf and Alternate Uses of Existing Facilities
on the Outer Continental Shelf (30 CFR 585 and 586)
Forms BOEM-0002, BOEM-0003, BOEM-0004, BOEM-0005, and BOEM-0006
OMB Control Number 1010-0176
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Terms of Clearance: For OMB Control Number 1010-0195, BOEM will transfer the hour burden and non-hour cost burden from this collection to OMB Control Number 1010-0176, which expires January 31, 2026, then discontinue the new number (OMB Control No. 1010-0195) associated with this rulemaking. Because the agency sought comments only on the changes associated with the regulation, the expiration date is the same as OMB Control Number 1010-0176.

General Instructions

A Supporting Statement, including the text of the notice to the public required by 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(i)(iv) and its actual or estimated date of publication in the *Federal Register*, must accompany each request for approval of a collection of information. The Supporting Statement must be prepared in the format described below and must contain the information specified in Section A below. If any item is not applicable, provide a brief explanation. When statistical methods are employed, Section B of the Supporting Statement must be completed. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) reserves the right to require the submission of additional information with respect to any request for approval.

Specific Instructions

A. Justification

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection.

The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq. and 43 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to issue leases, easements, or rights-of-way on the OCS for activities that produce or support production, transportation, or transmission of energy from oil, gas, other mineral resources, and alternative energy sources (e.g., renewable energy). Specifically, subsection 8(p) of the OCS Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1337(p)), directs the Secretary of the Interior to issue any necessary regulations to carry out the OCS renewable energy program. The Secretary delegated the authority to issue such regulations and implement an OCS renewable energy program to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM). BOEM has issued regulations at 30 CFR Part 585 that establish procedures for administering the renewable energy program on the OCS and 30 CFR Part 586 for authorizing other energy and marine-related activities that involve the use of existing facilities on the OCS.

Respondents operating under these regulations conduct commercial and noncommercial energy projects that include installation, construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of offshore facilities, as well as possible onshore support facilities. Respondents are also

applicants for, or holders of, rights-of-use and easement for alternate uses of existing facilities on the OCS. BOEM must ensure that these activities and operations on the OCS are carried out in a manner that provides for (1) safety; (2) protection of the environment; (3) prevention of waste; (4) conservation of the natural resources of the OCS; (5) coordination with relevant Federal agencies; (6) protection of national security interests of the United States; (7) protection of correlative rights in the OCS; (8) a fair return to the U.S.; (9) prevention of interference with reasonable uses of the exclusive economic zone, the high seas, and the territorial seas; (10) consideration of the location of and any schedule relating to a lease or grant for an areas of the OCS, and any other use of the sea or seabed; (11) public notice and comment on any proposal submitted for a lease or grant under the regulations; and (12) oversight, inspection, research, monitoring, and enforcement of activities authorized by a lease or grant. To do this, BOEM needs information concerning the proposed activities, facilities, safety equipment, inspections and tests, and natural and manmade hazards near the site, as well as assurance of fiscal responsibility.

2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used. Except for a new collection, indicate the actual use the agency has made of the information received from the current collection. [Be specific. If this collection is a form or a questionnaire, every question needs to be justified.]

30 CFR 585, Renewable Energy on the OCS

BOEM will use the information collected under 30 CFR 585 to:

Subpart A, General Provisions and C, Issuance of OCS Renewable Energy Leases

- Determine when to use a competitive process for issuing a renewable energy lease, to identify auction formats and bidding systems and variables that BOEM may use when that determination is affirmative, and to determine the terms under which BOEM will issue renewable energy leases.
- Determine if applicants and assignees are qualified to hold leases on the OCS.
- Track ownership of leases as to record title, operating rights, and right-of-way (ROW) or right-of-use and easement (RUE), as well as to approve requests to designate an operator to act on the lessee's behalf. Information is necessary to approve assignment, relinquishment, or cancellation requests. Information is used to document that a lease, ROW, or RUE has been surrendered by the record title holder and to ensure that all legal obligations are met and facilities are properly decommissioned.

Subpart D, ROW Grants and RUE Grants for Renewable Energy Activities

- Determine if an application for an ROW or RUE serves the purpose specified in the grant.

Subpart E, Lease and Grant Administration

- Outline the procedures related to lease and grant actions, including the assignment and designation of operators, and the suspension, renewal, termination, relinquishment, or cancellation of leases and grants.

Subpart F, Payments and Financial Assurance Requirements

- Set requirements for developers to make specified rent and fee payments, provide financial assurance, and share revenues with eligible coastal states.

Subpart G, Plans and Information Requirements

- Review and approve Site Assessment Plans (SAPs), Construction and Operations Plans (COPs), and General Activities Plans (GAPs) to ensure that proposed activities protect human, marine, and coastal environments.
- Evaluate the adequacy of site characterization data submitted with each plan, including geological, geotechnical, geophysical, biological, archaeological, meteorological, and oceanographic information.
- Provide flexibility through plan revisions and departures by allowing lessees to propose modifications or alternative approaches, provided they demonstrate that the changes meet applicable performance standards and regulatory objectives.
- Coordinate with other federal and state agencies to ensure that lessees meet applicable environmental and archaeological requirements.

30 CFR 586, Alternate Uses of Existing Facilities on the OCS

BOEM will use the information collected under 30 CFR 586, Alternate Uses of Existing Facilities on the OCS:

- Determine if all facilities, project easements, cables, pipelines, and obstructions, when they are no longer needed, are properly removed or decommissioned, and that the seafloor is cleared of all obstructions created by operations on the lease, project easement, RUE or ROW.
- Ensure that, if granted, proposed routes of an ROW or RUE do not conflict with any State requirements or unduly interfere with other OCS activities.

Forms

Respondents submit the following forms to BOEM under 30 CFR 585:

OCS Renewable Energy Assignment of Grant, Form BOEM-0002

BOEM uses the information in this form as the official record of the assignment of record title interest in a renewable energy grant (Right-of-Way or Right-of-Use and Easement). Form BOEM-0002 is required under 30 CFR 585.409.

- **Heading:**
BOEM uses the information to identify the assigned grant interest and any new grant resulting from the assignment. The grantee will enter information in the fields identifying grant number, grant effective date, and the name of BOEM regional office in which Form BOEM-0002 will be filed and maintained. BOEM will provide any new grant number.
- **Part A—Assignment:**
The grantee will enter right, title, and interest being assigned and the name and company number of each Assignor and Assignee along with the percentage interests conveyed and received. The grantee may attach other provisions between Assignor(s) and Assignee(s) if it so wishes. BOEM will enter the Authorized Official for BOEM, Title, and Approval Date. Assignment is effective on the date of BOEM approval.

- **Part B—Certification and Acceptance:**

The grantee, as Assignor, will enter an effective date for the assignment, upon approval by BOEM. The Assignor(s) and Assignee(s) will complete the fields for By, Name, Title, and Execution Date, and in so doing will provide the certifications required: (1) Assignor certification that it owns the interest being assigned; (2) Assignee compliance with applicable debarment and suspension regulations and communication requirements; (3) Assignor and Assignee compliance with Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action requirements; and (4) Assignee acceptance of all applicable terms, conditions, stipulations, and restrictions pertaining to the grant. The parties to the Assignment may provide for witnesses, notarial acknowledgements, or corporate seals if they so wish.

OCS Renewable Energy Assignment of Record Title Interest in Federal OCS Renewable Energy Lease, Form BOEM-0003

BOEM uses the information in this form as the official record of the assignment of record title interest in a renewable energy lease. Form BOEM-0003 is required pursuant to 30 CFR 585.409.

- **Heading:**

BOEM uses the information to identify the assigned lease interest and any new lease resulting from the assignment. The lessee will enter information in the fields identifying lease number, lease effective date, and the name of BOEM regional office in which Form BOEM-0003 will be filed and maintained. BOEM will provide any new lease number.

- **Part A—Assignment:**

The lessee will enter right, title and interest being assigned and the name and company number of each Assignor and Assignee along with the percentage interests conveyed and received. The lessee may attach other provisions between Assignor(s) and Assignee(s) if it so wishes. BOEM will enter the Authorized Official for BOEM, Title, and Approval Date. Assignment is effective on the date of BOEM approval.

- **Part B—Certification and Acceptance:**

The lessee, as Assignor, will enter an effective date for the Assignment, upon approval by BOEM. The Assignor(s) and Assignee(s) will complete the fields for By, Name, Title, and Execution Date, and in so doing will provide the certifications required: (1) Assignor certification that it owns the interest being assigned; (2) Assignee compliance with applicable debarment and suspension regulations and communication requirements; (3) Assignor and Assignee compliance with Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action requirements; and (4) Assignees acceptance of all applicable terms, conditions, stipulations, and restrictions pertaining to the lease. The parties to the Assignment may provide for witnesses, notarial acknowledgements, or corporate seals if they so wish.

OCS Renewable Energy Lease or Grant Relinquishment Application, Form BOEM-0004

BOEM uses the information in this form as the official record of the relinquishment of a renewable

energy lease or grant. Although relinquishment may be required by BOEM under 30 CFR 585.658(c), in most cases relinquishments will be filed voluntarily. Pursuant to 30 CFR 585.435, Form BOEM-0004 is required for any relinquishment.

- **Heading:** BOEM uses the information to identify the relinquished lease or grant. The lessee or grantee will enter the lease or grant number and the name of the regional office in which Form BOEM-0004 will be filed and maintained.
- **Company Name and Number, By, Name, Title, and Execution Date.**
- **By, Authorized Official for BOEM, Title, and Approval Date.** Relinquishment is effective on the date of BOEM approval.
- **Attach Notary Acknowledgement (not mandatory):**
The entity relinquishing the lease or grant may provide for witnesses, notarial acknowledgements, or corporate seals if it so wishes.
- **Lease Number, ROW, or RUE Grant Number; Name of Facility.**
- **Area Name or Protraction Diagram, Block, and Subdivision or Aliquot Part.**

OCS Renewable Energy Lease or Grant Designation of Operator, Form BOEM-0006

BOEM uses the information in this form as the official record of the designation of the individual, corporation, or association having control or management of activities on a renewable energy lease or grant. Form BOEM-0006 is required to designate an operator or to notify BOEM of a change in the designated operator pursuant to 30 CFR 585.405.

- **Heading:**
BOEM uses the information to identify the operator of a lease or grant.
- **Lease or Grant Number:**
Each OCS renewable energy lease has a unique number assigned by BOEM that will be entered in this field by the lessee or grantee.
- **Regional BOEM Office:**
The office where Form BOEM-0006 will be filed and maintained—Alaska, Pacific, Gulf of Mexico, or Atlantic.
- **Authorized Signatory of Designated Operator and Printed or Typed Name and Title, and Date.**
- **Name of Lessee or Grantee and Operator, Qualification Number, Authorized Signatory, Printed or Typed Name and Title, and Date.**
- **Lease or Grant Number.**
- **Area Name or Protraction Diagram, Block, and Subdivision or Aliquot Part:**
Each OCS lease or grant is identified in the relevant instrument by an area name or official protraction diagram and block number, and if applicable, by a description of a subdivision, segment, aliquot part, or other portion.

Respondents submit the following form to BOEM under 30 CFR 585, subpart E.

OCS Renewable Energy Lessee's, Grantee's, and Operator's Bond, Form BOEM-0005

BOEM uses this form as the official instrument for filing and maintaining a bond for financial assurance relating to a lease or grant in compliance with the requirements of 30 CFR 585, subpart E.

Section 585.525 requires that all bonds and other forms of financial assurance must be in a form

approved by BOEM.

- **Heading:**

BOEM uses the information for basic description of the bond. The Principal (lessee, grantee, or operator) will enter the Bond Number, Amount, and Type (Lease- or Grant-Specific, Supplemental, or Decommissioning) and the name of the regional office where BOEM Form-0005 will be filed and maintained.

- **Form Information:**

Name of Surety and Mailing Address, and if it is a corporation, the State and County or Parish in which it is located. If it is certified by the U.S. Treasury as an acceptable surety on Federal bonds and listed in the current U.S. Treasury Circular No. 570, the surety will mark the box provided.

The Principal will enter its Name and Mailing Address.

The Principal will mark the appropriate box and enter the type of lease or grant and number.

The Surety will mark the appropriate box concerning additional obligations it is accepting, and may list exceptions or limitations if it chooses to accept the obligations of previous Sureties or guarantors.

The Form includes definitions of the terms Obligation, Instrument, and Person for the purposes of the bond document.

The Form states that by signing, the principal agrees to fulfill all Obligations for the entire lease or grant. The Principal may list such limitations and exceptions.

- **Form Information:**

The form lists specific items that the Surety agrees to. The Surety will enter the Name of Surety, Signature of Person Executing for Surety, Typed or Printed Name or Title for Surety, and Business Address for Surety.

The Principal will enter the Name of Principal, Signature of Person Executing for Principal, Typed or Printed Name or Title for Principal, and Business Address for Principal.

The final section of the Form also includes fields for entering the date and the location (State) the form is signed by the Surety and Principal in the presence of Witnesses for the Surety and the Principal. Each Witness will enter its Signature, Typed or Printed Name, and Address.

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection. Also describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden [and specifically how this collection meets GPEA requirements].

BOEM is eliminating its paper copy requirement and will rely primarily on electronic submissions where possible. However, BOEM will retain the paper copy requirement for applications which are necessary for official record purposes. Paper copies contain original signatures needed for legal purposes. In addition, some items such as plats and engineering designs are better viewed in paper copy format, although we request electronic versions for long-term storage. We estimate that 90 percent of the information will be collected in electronic format.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purposes described in Item 2 above.

There is not a duplication burden on the lessee related to the regulations in 30 CFR 585 and 586.

5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities, describe any methods used to minimize burden.

This collection of information will impact small entities. These entities fall under North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code 221115, Wind Electric Power Generation. The Small Business Administration's (SBA) size standard for NAICS Code 221115 is 1,160. This number includes affiliates. A firm is small if it is primarily engaged in the generation, transmission, and/or distribution of electric energy for sale and its total electric output for the preceding fiscal year did not exceed 4 million megawatt hours. Large energy companies dominate the large-scale wind market that focus on utility-scale projects.

The paperwork burden on any small entity subject to these regulations cannot be reduced to accommodate them. Most of the entities holding leases on the OCS for renewable energy are not small entities.

6. Describe the consequence to Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently, as well as any technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden.

If we did not collect the information, BOEM could not carry out the mandate of the OCS Lands Act, as amended by the EPLA. For instance, BOEM would not have the information to make informed decisions on facility design, construction, operations and maintenance, or modification; to ensure safety and environmental protection during OCS operations; to determine qualification of bidders and assignees to hold leases or their financial ability to carry out decommissioning responsibilities. Submission frequency is dependent on regulatory requirements.

7. Explain any special circumstances that would cause an information collection to be conducted in a manner:

(a) Requiring respondents to report information to the agency more often than quarterly.
Not applicable in this collection.

b) Requiring respondents to prepare a written response to a collection of information in fewer than 30 days after receipt of it.

There are several instances in which BOEM requires a response within 10 or 15 business days during the bid and lease issuance process. The specified response time periods are not unreasonable in these instances and ensure timely lease issuance. In addition, if BOEM determines that a respondent is in non-compliance and calls for forfeiture of the bond or pledged security, BOEM will notify the respondent. A respondent may avoid forfeiture if within 10 business days, respondent agrees to, and demonstrates to BOEM, that they will bring the lease or grant into compliance. This immediate response allows respondents to maintain their lease or grant and avoid forfeiture of bonds or pledged securities.

(c) Requiring respondents to submit more than an original and two copies of any document.

Not applicable in this collection.

(d) Requiring respondents to retain records, other than health, medical, government contract, grant-in-aid, or tax records, for more than 3 years.

The regulations require respondents to retain the original material test results of all primary structural materials and all records of design, construction, operation, maintenance, repairs, or investigations on or related to the area. As structures age, BOEM and BSEE must have access to the initial structural properties and inspection results to determine whether necessary standards for safety are maintained.

Until respondents have discharged all decommission obligations and responsibilities and BOEM releases respondents' financial assurance, it is important that these records be available for BOEM review. The type of recordkeeping is such that it is not unreasonable to expect that respondents would retain these records as usual and customary business practice, even if not required in regulations.

(e) In connection with a statistical survey, that is not designed to produce valid and reliable results that can be generalized to the universe of study.

Not applicable in this collection.

(f) Requiring the use of statistical data classification that has been reviewed and approved by OMB.

There are no special circumstances with respect to 5 CFR 1320.5(d)(2)(v) through (viii) as the collection is not a statistical survey and does not use statistical data classification.

(g) That includes a pledge of confidentiality that is not supported by authority established in statute or regulation, that is not supported by disclosure and data security policies that are consistent with the pledge, or which unnecessarily impedes sharing of data with other agencies for compatible confidential use.

This collection does not include a pledge of confidentiality not supported by statute or regulation.

(h) Requiring respondents to submit proprietary trade secrets or other confidential information unless the agency can demonstrate that it has instituted procedures to protect the information's confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.

This collection does not require proprietary, trade secret, or other confidential information not protected by agency procedures.

8. If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the agency's notice, required by 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB. Summarize public comments received in response to that notice [and in response to the PRA statement associated with the collection over the past 3 years] and describe actions taken by the agency in response to these comments. Specifically address comments received on cost and hour burden.

Describe efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported. Consultation with representatives of those from whom information is to be obtained or those who must compile records should occur at least once every 3 years – even if the collection of information activity is the same as in prior periods. There may be circumstances that may preclude consultation in a specific situation. These circumstances should be explained.

As required in 5 CFR 1320.8(d), BOEM published a 60-day notice in the *Federal Register* (90 FR 17442, April 25, 2025) to request comments on the need for the collection, the accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to enhance the collection, and ways to minimize the burden. BOEM received three comments in response to this *Federal Register* notice. One comment discussed reviewing the collection for safety concerns. Another comment recommended transitioning to all green energy. Another commenter supported clean and natural energy and did not want Georgia impacted with drilling. These comments do not change the purpose of or need for the ICR, nor does it affect the cost or hour burden.

To prepare this information collection renewal request, companies were contacted to determine the estimated burden this subpart places on respondents. The representatives listed below responded with no concerns regarding the availability of data, frequency of collection, clarity of instructions, or elements being collected at this time.

Representatives Contacted:

Avangrid/Vineyards
180 Marsh Hill Road
Orange, CT 06477
Phone: 508-808-8782

Head of Northeast Permitting
Orsted North America
399 Boylston Street, 12 Floor,

Boston MA 02116
609-289-1298

CVOW/Dominion
564 Central Drive, Suite 104,
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

The following summarizes the most substantive revisions based on the outreach effort:

Representatives noted that labor hours were undercounted due to personnel requirements for supporting monitoring activities, as well as requirements related to training, survey efforts, and monthly status reporting. In addition, representatives noted that non-labor costs were undercounted, including those associated with vessel-supported activities and those related to conducting studies.

9. Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

BOEM did not provide any payments or gifts to respondents.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

BOEM protects proprietary information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), the Department of the Interior's FOIA regulations (43 CFR part 2), and 30 CFR 585.114.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private. This justification should include the reasons why the agency considers the questions necessary, the specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.

The collection does not include sensitive or private questions.

12. Provide estimates of the hour burden of the collection of information. The statement should:

(a) Indicate the number of respondents, frequency of response, annual hour burden, and an explanation of how the burden was estimated. Unless directed to do so, agencies should not conduct special surveys to obtain information on which to base hour burden estimates. Consultation with a sample (fewer than 10) of potential respondents is desirable. If the hour burden on respondents is expected to vary widely because of differences in activity, size, or complexity, show the range of estimated hour burden, and explain the reasons for the

variance. Generally, estimates should not include burden hours for customary and usual business practices.

(b) If this request for approval covers more than one form, provide separate hour burden estimates for each form.

Primary respondents comprise Federal OCS companies that submit unsolicited proposals or responses to *Federal Register* notices, or are lessees, designated operators, or ROW or RUE grant holders. Other potential respondents are companies or state and local governments that submit information or comments related to alternative energy-related uses of the OCS; certified verification agents (CVAs); and surety or third-party guarantors. It should be noted that not all potential respondents will submit information in any given year, and some may submit multiple times. The frequency of responses varies depending upon the requirement but are generally occasional or annual. Responses are either mandatory or are required to obtain or retain a benefit. Refer to the following table for a breakout of the hour burden based on BOEM's input as discussed in No. 8. The table also includes several non-hour cost burdens described in item A.13.

Burden Table

Section(s) in 30 CFR 585	Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirement ¹	Hour Burden	Average No. of Annual Responses	Annual Burden Hours
			Non-hour Cost Burdens	
Subpart A – General Provisions				
102(e)	Affected State and local governments enter into and participate in task forces, joint planning or coordination agreements after BOEM invitation.	275	6 meetings or agreements	1,650
103; 586.104	Request general departures not specifically covered elsewhere in part 585.	24	5 requests	120
105(c); 586.105(c)	Make oral requests or notifications and submit written follow-up within 3 business days not specifically covered elsewhere in part 585.	24	3 requests	72
107; 108; 230(f); 302(a); 409 (c); 586.107; 586.203-.213	Submit evidence of qualifications to hold a lease or grant; submit required supporting information (electronically if required). Qualifications include demonstrating that you have the technical and financial capabilities to conduct the activities authorized by the lease or grant.	24	5 submissions	120
107(b)(1)	Request exception from exclusion or disqualification from participating in transactions covered by Federal non-procurement debarment and suspension system.	15	1 exception	15
106(b)(2), 107(b); 118(c); 315(b); 436; 527(f); 586.107	Request reconsideration and/or hearing.	Requirement not considered IC under 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(9).		0
109; 530(b)	Notify BOEM within 3 business days after learning of any action filed alleging respondent is insolvent or bankrupt.	2	1 notice	2
110	Notify BOEM in writing of merger, name change, or change of business form no later than 120 days after earliest of either the effective date or filing date.	Requirement not considered IC under 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(1).		0

112(b)(5)	Within 30 days of receiving bill, submit processing fee payments for BOEM document or study preparation to process applications and other requests.	1	1 submission	1
		1 payments x \$4,000 = \$4,000		
112(b)(2), (3)	Submit comments on proposed processing fee or request approval to perform or directly pay contractor for all or part of any document, study, or other activity, to reduce BOEM processing costs.	550	2 requests	1,100
112(b)	Perform, conduct, develop, etc., all or part of any document, study, or other activity; and provide results to BOEM to reduce BOEM processing fee.	2,500	1 submission	2,500
112(b)	Pay processing fee for all or part of any document, study, or other activity, and provide results to BOEM to reduce BOEM processing costs.	1 studies payments x \$2,750,000 = \$2,750,000		
118(a); 436(c); 112(b)(7)	Except as stated in paragraph (c), any party adversely affected by a final decision issued by BOEM under this part may appeal that decision to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), under part 590 of this chapter and 43 CFR part 4, subpart E.	Exempt under 5 CFR 1320.4(a)(2), (c).		0
118(c)	Within 15 days of bid rejection, a bidder may request reconsideration of bid decision or rejection in writing to the Director. Appeals must be accompanied by a statement of reasons.	Requirement not considered IC under 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(9).		0
Subtotal			25 responses	5,580 hours
			\$2,754,000 non-hour costs	
Subpart C – Issuance of OCS Renewable Energy Leases				
200; 224; 231; 235; 236; 238	These sections contain references to information submissions, approvals, requests, applications, plans, payments, etc., the burdens for which are covered elsewhere in part 585.			0
210; 211(a-c); 212 thru 216	Submit nominations and general comments in response to <i>Federal Register</i> notices on Request for Interest in OCS Leasing, Call for Information and Nominations (Call), Area Identification, and Notices of Sale. Includes industry, State & local governments.	Not considered IC as defined in 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(4).		0
210; 211(a-c); 212 thru 216	Submit comments and required information in response to <i>Federal Register</i> notices on Request for Interest in OCS Leasing, Call for Information and Nominations (Call), Area Identification, and Notices of Sale. Includes industry, State & local governments.	24	1 comment	24
220 thru 223	Submit bid, payments, and required information in response to <i>Federal Register</i> Final Sale Notice.	5	1 bid	5
225(b)	Within 10 business days, execute 3 copies of lease form and return to BOEM with required payments, including evidence that agent is authorized to act for bidder; if applicable, submit information to support delay in execution—competitive leases.	1	1 lease execution	1
225(f)	The winning bidder must pay the first 12 months’ rent under § 585.503(a) within 45 calendar days after receiving a copy of the executed lease from BOEM.	8	1 payment	8
230; 231(a)	Submit unsolicited request and acquisition fee for a commercial or limited lease.	5	1 request	5
231(b)	Submit comments in response to <i>Federal Register</i> notice re-interest of unsolicited request for a lease.	24	5 comments	120
231(h)(1)	Within 10 business days of receiving lease documents,	2	1 lease	2

	execute and return lease; file financial assurance and supporting documentation—noncompetitive leases.			
231(h)(2)	Within 45 days of receiving lease copies, submit payment of the first 12 months' rent.	Burdens covered by information collections approved for ONRR 30 CFR Chapter XII.		0
235(b); 236(b)	Request additional time to extend preliminary period of commercial or limited lease, including revised schedule for SAP, COP, or GAP submission.	1	3 requests	3
237(b)	Request lease be dated and effective 1 st day of month in which signed.	1	1 request	1
238	Submit request for development of commercial lease in phases. Requests must be supported with details as to which portions of the lease will be reserved for subsequent phased development.	4	1 request	4
Subtotal			16 responses	173 hours
Subpart D – ROW Grants and RUE Grants for Renewable Energy Activities				
306; 309; 315; 316	These sections contain references to information submissions, approvals, requests, applications, plans, payments, etc., the burdens for which are covered elsewhere in part 585.			0
302(a); 305; 306	Submit copies of a request for a new or modified ROW or RUE and required information, including qualifications to hold a grant, in format specified.	5	1 request	5
307; 308(a)(1)	Submit information in response to <i>Federal Register</i> notice of proposed ROW or RUE grant area or comments on notice of grant auction. Comment period will be 30 days.	24	100 comments	2,400
308(a)(2), (b); 316	Submit bid and payments in response to <i>Federal Register</i> notice of auction for a ROW or RUE grant. Successful bidder in an auction must pay the first year's rent, as provided in § 585.316.	5	12 bids	60
306, 309	Submit decision to accept or reject terms and conditions of noncompetitive ROW or RUE grant. ROW or RUE grant becomes effective on the date established by BOEM.	2	4 submissions	8
Subtotal			117 responses	2,473 hours
Subpart E – Lease and Grant Administration				
400; 405; 409; 416, 433	These sections contain references to information submissions, approvals, requests, applications, plans, payments, etc., the burdens for which are covered elsewhere in part 585.			0
405(a)	If designated operator is not the lessee or grant holder, they must be identified in the SAP (under § 585.610(a)(3)), COP (under § 585.626(a)(2)), or GAP (under § 585.645(a)(2)), as applicable. If no operator is designated in a SAP, COP, or GAP, BOEM will deem the lessee or grant holder to be the operator.	1	1 designation	1
405(d)	Submit written notice of change of address.	Requirement not considered IC under 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(1).		0
405(e); Form BOEM-0006	If designated operator (DO) changes, notify BOEM and identify new DO for BOEM approval within 72 hours.	2	2 notices	4

408 thru 411; Forms BOEM-0002 and BOEM-0003	Within 90 days after last party executes a transfer agreement, submit copies of a lease or grant assignment application, including originals of each instrument creating or transferring ownership of record title, eligibility and other qualifications; and evidence that agent is authorized to execute assignment, in format specified.	1	2 requests/ submissions	2
413(d)	BOEM will default to using the terms and conditions in the most recently issued lease or grant to be consolidated for the new lease. BOEM will consider requests for modifications on a case-by-case basis and, in its discretion, approve such requests for good cause.	10	10 requests	100
416(a); 420(a), (b); 428(b)	Submit request for suspension and required information/payment no later than 90 days prior to lease or grant expiration.	10	1 request	10
416(b)	If unable to timely submit a COP or GAP, may request a suspension to extend the preliminary period of lease or grant. Request must include a revised schedule for submission of COP or GAP.	250	3 requests	750
426; 652(a); 235(a), (b)	Request lease or grant renewal no later than 180 days before termination date of your limited lease or grant, or no later than 2 years before termination date of operations term of commercial lease. Submit required information.	250	1 request	250
433	After your lease or grant terminates, you must make all payments due, including any accrued rentals and deferred bonuses; and perform any other outstanding obligations under the lease or grant within 6 months.	72	1 submission	72
435; 658(c) (2); Form BOEM-0004	Submit copies of application to relinquish lease or grant, in format specified. ONRR will bill for outstanding payments.	1	1 submission	1
436; 437	Provide information for reconsideration of BOEM decision to contract or cancel lease or grant area.	Requirement not considered IC under 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(9).		0
Subtotal			22 responses	1,190 hours
Subpart F – Payments and Financial Assurance Requirements				
An * indicates the primary cites for providing bonds or other financial assurance, and the burdens include any previous or subsequent references throughout part 585 to furnish, replace, or provide additional bonds, securities, or financial assurance (including riders, cancellations, replacements). This subpart contains references to other information submissions, approvals, requests, applications, plans, etc., the burdens for which are covered elsewhere in part 585. In the future BOEM may require electronic filings of certain submissions.				0
500 thru 509; 586.211	Submit payer information, payments and payment information, and maintain auditable records according to ONRR regulations or guidance.	Burdens covered by information collections approved for ONRR 30 CFR Chapter XII.		0
506	Submit documentation of the gross annual generation of electricity produced by the generating facility on the lease - use same form as authorized by the EIA. Submit operating fee payments to ONRR.	Burden covered under DOE/EIA OMB Control Number 1905-0129		0
510; 506(c)(1)	Submit to the BOEM Director, an application and required information for waiver or reduction of rental or other payment.	3	1 submission	3
*516; 525(a)	Execute and provide a bond or other authorized financial	3	6 bonds	18

thru (f)	assurance.			
*516(a)(1), (b), (c); 517; 525(a) thru (f)	Execute and provide commercial lease supplemental bonds.	3	6 bonds	18
516(a)(2), (3); 521(c)	Execute and provide decommissioning bond or other financial assurance; schedule for providing the appropriate amount.	3	6 bonds	18
517(b)(1)	Submit comments on proposed adjustment to bond amounts.	5	1 submission	5
517(b)(2)	Request bond reduction and submit evidence to justify.	5	6 requests	30
*520; 521; 525(a) thru (e) Form BOEM-0005	Execute and provide a bond or other authorized financial assurance.	3	6 bonds	18
525(g)	Surety notice to lessee or ROW/RUE grant holder and BOEM within 5 business days after initiating surety insolvency or bankruptcy proceeding, or Treasury decertifies surety.	2	1 surety notices	2
*526 Form BOEM-0005	In lieu of surety bond, pledge other types of securities, including authority for BOEM to sell and use proceeds and submit required information (1 hour for form).	2	1 pledge	2
526(c)	Provide annual certified statements describing the nature and market value, including brokerage firm statements/reports.	10	1 statement	10
*527	Demonstrate financial worth/ability to carry out present and future financial obligations, annual updates, and related or subsequent actions/records/reports, etc.	10	11 demonstrations	110
528	Provide third-party indemnity; financial information/statements; additional bond information; executed guarantor agreement and supporting information/documentation/agreements.	10	1 submission	10
528(d)(5)	If you or your operator fail to comply with any law, term, or regulation, your guarantor must either take corrective action or provide, within 7 calendar days or other agreed-upon time period, sufficient funds, up to the value of the guaranty, for BOEM to complete corrective action.	2	2 guarantor actions	4
528(d)(6); 532(b)	Guarantor/Surety requests BOEM terminate period of liability and notifies lessee or ROW/RUE grant holder, etc.	1	1 request	1
528(e)	Before the termination of your guaranty, you must provide an acceptable replacement in the form of a bond or other security.	3	6 submissions	18
*529	In lieu of surety bond, request authorization to establish decommissioning account, including written authorizations and approvals associated with account.	2	1 request	2
530	Notify BOEM promptly (within 3 business days) of lapse in bond or other security/action filed alleging lessee, surety or guarantor et al is insolvent or bankrupt.	5	1 notice	5
531	If the value of your financial assurance is reduced below the required financial assurance amount because of a default or any other reason, you must provide additional financial assurance sufficient to meet the requirements of this subpart within 45 days or within a different period as specified by BOEM.	1	1 submission	1
533(a)(2)	Provide agreement from surety issuing new bond to assume	3	1 submission	3

	all or portion of outstanding liabilities.			
536(b)	Within 10 business days following BOEM notice, lessee, grant holder, or surety agrees to and demonstrates to BOEM that lease will be brought into compliance.	16	1 demonstration	16
Subtotal			61 responses	294 hours
Subpart G – Plans and Information Requirements				
Two ** indicate the primary cites for Site Assessment Plans (SAPs), Construction and Operations Plans (COPs), and General Activities Plans (GAPs); and the burdens include any previous or subsequent references throughout part 585 to submission and approval. This subpart contains references to other information submissions, approvals, requests, applications, plans, etc., the burdens for which are covered elsewhere in part 585.				0
** 600(a)(1); 601(a), (b); 605 thru 614; 238	Within time specified after issuance of a competitive lease or grant, or within time specified after determination of no competitive interest, submit copies of SAP, including required information to assist BOEM to comply with NEPA/CZMA such as hazard info, air quality, SEMS, and all required information, certifications, requests, etc., in format specified.	192	1 SAP	192
** 600(a)(2); 601(b); 606(b); 618; 620 thru 628; 632; 633	If requesting an operations term for commercial lease, within time specified before the end of site assessment term, submit copies of COP, or FERC license application, including required information to assist BOEM to comply with NEPA/CZMA such as hazard info, air quality, SEMS, and all required information, surveys and/or their results, reports, certifications, project easements, supporting data and information, requests, etc., in format specified.	800	2 COP submittals	1,600
		11,285	6 projects complying with Terms and Conditions	67,710 ¹
		6 projects complying with Terms and Conditions: \$40,444,584		
** 600(a)(3); 601(c); 640 thru 648; 651; 238	Within time specified after issuance of a competitive lease or grant, or within time specified after determination of no competitive interest, submit copies of GAP, including required information to assist BOEM to comply with NEPA/CZMA such as hazard info, air quality, SEMS, and all required information, surveys and reports, certifications, project easements, requests, etc., in format specified.	192	1 GAP	192
**601(b); 622; 628(f)(2); ; 634; 658(c)(3)	Submit revised or modified COPs, including project easements, and all required additional information.	40	1 revised or modified COP	40
** 613(a), (d), (e); 617	Submit revised or modified SAPs and required additional information.	50	1 revised or modified SAP	50
612; 647	Submit copy of SAP or GAP consistency certification and supporting documentation, including noncompetitive leases.	1	2 leases	2
615	Prepare and submit to BOEM a report annually on November 1 st of each year that summarizes your site assessment activities and the results of those activities.	43	2 reports	86
617(a)	Notify BOEM in writing before conducting any site assessment activities not approved, or provided for, in SAP; provide additional information if requested.	10	25 notices	250
618(c)	If, following the technical and environmental review of your submitted COP, BOEM determines that such facilities may not remain in place, you must initiate the decommissioning process, as provided in 30 CFR part 285, subpart I.	24	1 action	24
631	Request deviation from approved COP schedule.	2	6 requests	12

633(b)	Submit annual, or at other time periods as BOEM determines, COP compliance certification, effectiveness statement, recommendations, reports, supporting documentation, etc.	45	1 certification	45
634(a)	Notify BOEM in writing before conducting any activities not approved or provided for in COP, and provide additional information if requested.	10	1 notice	10
** 642(b); 648; 655; 658(c)(3)	Submit revised or modified GAPs and required additional information.	50	1 revised or modified GAP	50
651	Before beginning construction of OCS facility described in GAP, complete survey activities identified in GAP and submit initial findings. [This only includes the time involved in submitting the findings; it does not include the survey time as these surveys would be conducted as good business practice.]	200	1 survey/ report	200
653	Notify BOEM in writing within 30 days of completing installation activities under the GAP.	4	2 notices	8
653	Submit annual report summarizing findings from activities conducted under approved GAP.	43	4 reports	172
655(a)	Notify BOEM in writing before conducting any activities not approved or provided for in GAP, and provide additional information if requested.	10	1 notice	10
656	Notify BOEM any time approved GAP activities cease without an approved suspension.	4	4 notices	16
658(c)(1)	If after construction, cable or pipeline deviate from approved COP or GAP, notify affected lease operators and ROW/RUE grant holders of deviation and provide BOEM evidence of such notices.	3	1 notice/ evidence	3
659, 700	Determine appropriate air quality modeling protocol, conduct air quality modeling, and submit 3 copies of air quality modeling report and 3 sets of digital files as supporting information to plans.	70	5 reports/ information	350
Subtotal			69 responses	71,022 hours
			\$40,444,580 non-hour costs	
Subpart H – Environmental and Safety Management, Inspections, and Facility Assessments for Activities Conducted Under SAPs, COPs, and GAPs				
701(c), (d)	Notify BOEM if endangered or threatened species, or their designated critical habitat, may be in the vicinity of the lease or grant or may be affected by lease or grant activities.	1	150 notices	150
701(e), (f)	Submit information to ensure proposed activities will be conducted in compliance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA); including agreements and mitigating measures designed to avoid or minimize adverse effects and incidental take of endangered species or critical habitat.	18	3 submissions	54
702(b), (c)	If requested, conduct further archaeological investigations, and submit report/information.	10	4 reports	40
702(d)	If applicable, submit payment for BOEM costs in carrying out National Historic Preservation Act responsibilities.	.5	2 payments	1
703	If required, conduct additional surveys to define boundaries and avoidance distances and submit report.	15	2 surveys/ reports	30
605; 651	Submit safety management system description with the SAP, COP, or GAP.	16	2 submissions	32

Subtotal			163 responses	307 hours
30 CFR 586 – RUEs for Energy- and Marine-Related Activities Using Existing OCS Facilities				
Section(s) in 30 CFR 586	Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirement	Hour Burden	Average No. of Annual Response	Annual Burden Hours
200-202	Contact owner of existing facility and/or lessee of the area to reach preliminary agreement to use facility and obtain concurring signatures; submit request to BOEM for an alternative use RUE, including all required information/modifications.	36	1 request	36
203(a)-(c)	Submit indication of competitive interest in response to <i>Federal Register</i> notice.	4	1 submission	4
203(c)	Submit description of proposed activities and required information in response to <i>Federal Register</i> notice of competitive offering.	5	3 submissions	15
203(f)	Lessee or owner of facility submits decision to accept or reject proposals deemed acceptable by BOEM.	1	1 submission	1
210(c)	Request renewal of Alternate Use RUE.	6	1 request	6
211; 216(b)	Provide financial assurance as BOEM determines in approving RUE for an existing facility, including additional security if required.	1	1 submission	1
213	Submit request for assignment of an alternative use RUE for an existing facility, including all required information.	1	1 request	1
215	Request relinquishment of RUE for an existing facility.	1	1 request	1
Subtotal			10 responses	65 hours
Total Burden			483 Responses	81,104 Hours
			\$43,198,580 Non-Hour Cost Burdens	

¹ The annual burden hour reflects the projects in construction phase complying with the COP terms and conditions annually.

(c) Provide estimates of annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens for collections of information, identifying and using appropriate wage rate categories. The cost of contracting out or paying outside parties for information collection activities should not be included here. Instead, this cost should be included under “annual cost to the Federal Government.”

The average respondent cost is \$110 (rounded)/hour. This cost is broken out in the below table using the Bureau of Labor Statistics data for the 2024 National Industry-Specific Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates (NAICS 221100). See BLS website: <https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oesrci.htm>.

POSITION	Hourly Pay rate (\$/hour estimate)	Hourly rate including benefits (1.4** x \$/hour)	Percent of time spent on collection	Weighted Average (\$/hour)
Biologist* (11-0000)	\$80	\$112	19%	\$21
Oceanographer* (11-0000)	\$80	\$112	15%	\$17

GIS Specialist (15-0000)	\$55	\$77	7%	\$5
Lawyer (23-1011)	\$107	\$150	9%	\$14
Geophysicist/Geologist* (11-0000)	\$80	\$112	10%	\$11
Engineer (17-2000)	\$55	\$77	10%	\$8
Disciplinary/Various (11-0000)	\$80	\$112	30%	\$34
Weighted Average (\$/hour)				0

* Management, Professional, Related.

** A multiplier of 1.4 (as implied by BLS news release, USDL-25-1358, September 12, 2025) was added for benefits. The website is <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/eccec.pdf>.

Based on a cost factor of \$110 per hour (rounded), we estimate the hour burden as a \$ equivalent to industry is \$8,921,440 (\$110 x 81,104 hours = \$8,921,440).

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual [non-hour] cost burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. (Do not include the cost of any hour burden already reflected in Item 12.)

(a) The cost estimate should be split into two components: (1) a total capital and start-up cost component (annualized over its expected useful life) and (2) a total operation and maintenance and purchase of services component. The estimates should take into account costs associated with generating, maintaining, and disclosing or providing the information [including filing fees paid]. Include descriptions of methods used to estimate major cost factors including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, the discount rate(s), and the time period over which costs will be incurred. Capital and start-up costs include, among other items, preparations for collecting information such as purchasing computers and software; monitoring, sampling, drilling and testing equipment; and record storage facilities.

(b) If cost estimates are expected to vary widely, agencies should present ranges of cost burden and explain the reasons for the variance. The cost of purchasing or contracting out information collection services should be a part of this cost burden estimate. In developing cost burden estimates, agencies may consult with a sample of respondents (fewer than 10), utilize the 60-day pre-OMB submission public comment process and use existing economic or regulatory impact analysis associated with the rulemaking containing the information collection, as appropriate.

(c) Generally, estimates should not include purchases of equipment or services, or portions thereof, made: (1) prior to October 1, 1995, (2) to achieve regulatory compliance with requirements not associated with the information collection, (3) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the government, or (4) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

There are three non-hour cost burdens to industry, which are included in the burden table in section A.12. We estimate the total of those at \$43,198,580 for the following:

§ 585.112(b) - \$4,000: This section requires respondents to pay a processing fee for BOEM document or study preparation when necessary for BOEM processing of applications and requests. The processing fee is \$4,000 and we anticipate approximately 1 submission.

§585.112(b) - \$2,750,000: This section allows respondents to pay a contractor instead of BOEM for all or part of any document, study, or other activity, and provide the results to BOEM to reduce BOEM processing costs. We anticipate approximately 1 submission.

§585.600 (a)(3); 601(c); 640 thru 648; 651; 238 - \$40,444,580: We anticipate approximately 6 projects complying with terms and conditions, including adhering to the regulations and submitting detailed plans with site-specific information.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal Government. Also, provide a description of the method used to estimate cost, which should include quantification of hours, operational expenses (such as equipment, overhead, printing, and support staff), and any other expense that would not have been incurred without this collection of information.

The average government cost is \$106/hour. This cost is broken out in the below table using the Office of Personnel Management Salary Table 2025 General Schedule Locality Pay Tables (WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE-ARLINGTON, DC-MD-VA-WV-PA. https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/salary-tables/25Tables/html/DCB_h.aspx).

POSITION	GRADE	Hourly Pay rate (\$/hour estimate)*	Hourly rate including benefits (1.6** x \$/hour)	Percent of time spent on collection	Weighted Average (\$/hour)
Biologist, Avian/Wildlife	GS-13/05	\$65	\$104	9%	\$9
Biologist, Fish/Benthic	GS-13/05	\$65	\$104	10%	\$10
Archeologist	GS-13/05	\$65	\$104	9%	\$9
Air Quality Specialist	GS-14/05	\$77	\$123	6%	\$7
Social Scientist/Economist	GS-13/05	\$65	\$104	13%	\$14
Oceanographer	GS-13/05	\$65	\$104	24%	\$25
CZM Specialist	GS-14/05	\$77	\$123	8%	\$10
GIS Specialist	GS-12/05	\$55	\$88	6%	\$5
Attorney	GS-14/05	\$77	\$123	4%	\$5
Geophysicist/Geologist	GS-13/05	\$65	\$104	5%	\$5
Engineer	GS-14/05	\$77	\$123	6%	\$7
Weighted Average (\$/hour)					0

* The government cost is based on Washington, DC, 2025 pay scale.

** A multiplier of 1.6 (as implied by BLS news release, USDL-25-1358, September 12, 2025) was added for benefits. The website is <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/ecec.pdf>).

To analyze and review the information required under part 585, we estimate the Federal government will spend an average of 1/3 hour for each hour spent by respondents. Based on a cost factor of \$106 (rounded up) per hour, the total gross cost to the Government is \$2,865,710 (27,035 hours x \$106 = \$2,865,710). We anticipate that this will vary a great deal, depending on

the project and the amount of NEPA and other work that is involved. Also, a different level of work will be necessary depending on the type of project (i.e., wind, wave or current, or reuse of a facility). As we gain experience and knowledge the staff time involved will change.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments in hour or cost burden.

The current approved annual burden hours for OMB Control Number 1010-0176 are equal to 9,876 hours, 200 annual responses, and \$1,908,000 non-hour cost burdens.

BOEM is updating the overall burden number for this OMB control number to align with the recent increase in development activity and to reflect more realistically the manner by which conditional approvals have been used to increase the number and scope of compliance requirements compared to previous estimates. BOEM sets conditions of approval for activities on the OCS to ensure compliance with regulations and project-specific requirements. BOEM has several projects under current leases that recently entered the planning phase, and therefore, these annual burden hours were not counted in the last ICR renewal.

The majority of burden increases fall under the requirements in Subpart G, Plans and Information. BOEM is increasing the annual burden hours to reflect the increase related to the terms and conditions of approval of these projects. This ICR increases the annual burdens by 71,228 hours to a total of 81,104 hours and the non-hour cost burdens by \$41,290,580 to \$43,198,580. Additionally, BOEM has considered the burdens identified in OMB Control Number 1010-0195 and included the updated burden estimates in this ICR.

16. For collections of information whose results will be published, outline plans for tabulation and publication. Address any complex analytical techniques that will be used. Provide the time schedule for the entire project, including beginning and ending dates of the collection of information, completion of report, publication dates, and other actions.

BOEM will not tabulate or publish the data.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons that display would be inappropriate.

BOEM will display the OMB approval and expiration date. In addition, Section 585.115 displays the OMB control number, explains that BOEM will accept comments at any time on the information collection burden of our 30 CFR 585 regulations, and provides the address for sending comments to BOEM. -

18. Explain each exception to the topics of the certification statement identified in "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submission."

To the extent that the topics apply to this collection of information, we are not making any exceptions to the "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions."