

OCS Oil and Gas Leasing, Exploration, and Development Process



Pre Lease

Total Years

Develop 5 Year Program

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION	45 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	DRAFT PROPOSED PROGRAM PUBLISHED NOI for PEIS	60 DAY COMMENT PERIOD ON PROGRAM 45-60 DAY SCOPING COMMENT PERIOD	PROPOSED PROGRAM DRAFT PEIS PUBLISHED	90 DAY COMMENT PERIOD ON PROGRAM 45-90 DAY COMMENT PERIOD ON PEIS	PROPOSED FINAL PROGRAM FINAL PEIS PUBLISHED	60 DAY PERIOD FOR CONGRESS	FINAL 5 YEAR PROGRAM ANNOUNCED RECORD OF DECISION
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Planning for Specific Oil and Gas Lease Sale

CALL FOR INFORMATION PUBLISHED NOI FOR EIS	45 DAY COMMENT PERIOD	DRAFT EIS PUBLISHED ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATIONS	DEFINE SALE AREA	45-90 DAY COMMENT PERIOD	FINAL EIS PUBLISHED PROPOSED NOTICE CD SENT TO STATES	30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD 60 DAY COMMENT PERIOD 90 DAY REVIEW	FINAL NOTICE OF SALE PUBLISHED	30 DAY PERIOD	SALE HELD	FAIR MARKET VALUE ANALYSIS	LEASES ISSUED
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5-10

Post Lease

Exploration Plan Approval

EXPLORATION PLAN SUBMITTED	ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	90 DAY CZM REVIEW	EXPLORATION PLAN REVIEW	APD DECISION PERMITS GRANTED	EXPLORATION DRILLING STARTS	FIRST EXPLORATION WELL(S) COMPLETED	DELINEATION WELL DRILLING
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10-15

Development and Production Plan Approval

DEVELOPMENT & PRODUCTION PLAN SUBMITTED	COMPANY SUBMITS CZM CONSISTENCY CERTIFICATION	BOEM PREPARES NEPA ANALYSIS	CZM CONSISTENCY CONCURRENCE FROM STATE THEN DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION PLAN DECISION	PRODUCTION WELL APPLICATION	FIRST OIL/GAS PRODUCTION
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15 Years Total

- **Abbreviations:** APD, Application for Permit to Drill; NOI, Notice of Intent; CD, Consistency Determination; CZM, Coastal Zone Management; EIS, Environmental Impact Statement; NEPA, National Environmental Policy Act; PEIS, Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement.
- Timelines are approximations based upon historical experience.