

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF FEDERAL CLEAN AIR ACT TITLE V DRAFT PERMITS
AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 1, AIR & RADIATION DIVISION**

For

**Park City Wind, LLC and Commonwealth Wind, LLC
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The United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 1 office (EPA) is proposing to issue two Clean Air Act (CAA) title V operating permits—one to Park City Wind, LLC (PCW) and the other to Commonwealth Wind, LLC (CWW)—for the operation of two Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) source offshore wind farms: New England Wind 1 Offshore Wind Farm (NEW1), issued to PCW, and New England Wind 2 Offshore Wind Farm (NEW2), issued to CWW.

NEW1 has the potential to generate an estimated maximum production capacity of 804 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy. The wind development area (WDA) for NEW1 is located in federal waters in the OCS Lease Area 0534 and possibly a portion of OCS Lease Area 0501. At its nearest points, the WDA is approximately 15 nautical miles (NM) from the nearest Massachusetts shoreline. The EPA issued a preconstruction OCS air permit to PCW on April 15, 2024 for the NEW1 project, pursuant to section 328 of the CAA and the applicable rules and regulations promulgated under 40 C.F.R. part 55, including applicable regulations by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection that were incorporated by reference into part 55. We are now soliciting comments on a draft title V CAA permit for operation of the wind farm.

NEW2 has the potential to generate an estimated maximum production capacity of 1,232 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy. The wind development area (WDA) for NEW1 is located in federal waters in the OCS Lease Area 0561. At its nearest points, the WDA is approximately 16 NM from the nearest Massachusetts shoreline. The EPA issued the preconstruction OCS air permit on April 15, 2024 for the NEW2 project, pursuant to section 328 of the CAA and the applicable rules and regulations promulgated under 40 C.F.R. part 55, including applicable regulations by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection that were incorporated by reference into part 55. We are now soliciting comments on a draft title V CAA permit for operation of the wind farm.

Description of the Projects:

PCW submitted a permit application for the operation of NEW1's 804 MW of electricity wind farm. The facility will consist of up to 62 offshore wind turbine generators (WTGs) and their foundations, two offshore substations (OSSs), and inter-array cables. The proposed permit includes requirements for the title V operating permit program.

CWW submitted the permit application for the operation of NEW2's 1,232 MW of electricity wind farm. The facility will consist of up to 88 offshore WTGs and their foundations, up to three OSSs, and inter-array cables. The proposed permit includes requirements for the title V operating permit program.

EPA Permit Action:

On April 4, 2024, PCW and CWW submitted to EPA initial title V applications requesting Clean Air Act operating permits under Section 328 and title V of the CAA for the operation of their NEW1 and NEW2 offshore windfarms. EPA determined both applications to be administratively complete on May 3, 2024. The EPA is proposing to issue the federal CAA permits based on the information in the applications and the applicable air permitting regulations. The draft permit number for the NEW1 action is OCS-R1-07-TV. The draft permit number for the NEW2 action is OCS-R1-08-TV.

Public Comment Process:

The EPA is now taking public comments for the proposed action until January 16th, 2025. Any interested person may submit written comments to EPA on the draft title V permits during the public comment period. The EPA will consider all submitted significant comments in its final decision-making process.

All data submitted by the applicant are available as part of the administrative record. Members of the public may review a copy of the draft permits prepared by the EPA, the statement of bases for the draft permits, the applications, and all supporting materials, at the U.S. EPA Region 1 office, at 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, Boston, MA 02109. All documents will be available for review Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m. To obtain information, please contact Pujarini Maiti at 617-918-1625.

Electronic copies of the draft permits, fact sheets, and all supporting materials are also available for review on EPA's website at: <https://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/caa-permitting-epas-new-england-region>.

The public comment period for the draft permit actions will begin upon publication of this notice and will end on **January 16th, 2025**. EPA prefers that all comments be submitted via email to Pujarini Maiti at maiti.pujarini@epa.gov. If email submittal of comments is not feasible, hard copy comments may be submitted to the address below.

Pujarini Maiti
Air and Radiation Division (Mailcode: 5-MO)
U.S. EPA Region 1
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
Boston, MA 02109.

Comments may also be submitted electronically through <https://www.regulations.gov> (NEW1 Docket ID #EPA-R01-OAR-2024-0465; NEW2 Docket ID #EPA-R01-OAR-2024-0466).

All significant comments received at or before the end of the public comment period will be considered in arriving at a final decision on the permits. The final permits are public records that can be obtained upon request. A statement of reasons for any changes made to the draft permits and responses to all significant comments received will be sent to all persons who submitted comments (and contact information) on the draft permits, or who requested notice of the final permit decisions.

If you believe any conditions in the draft permits are inappropriate, or that our initial decision to prepare either of the permits is inappropriate, you must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments supporting your position by the end of the public comment period. Any supporting materials that you submit must be included in full and may not be incorporated by reference, unless they are already part of the administrative docket for the permit proceeding or consist of State, Tribal, or Federal statutes and regulations, EPA documents of general availability, or other generally available referenced materials.

All comments received will be included in the public docket without change and will be available to the public, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Information that is considered to be CBI or otherwise protected should be clearly identified as such and should not be submitted through the electronic docket. If a commenter sends email directly to the EPA, the email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the public comment. Please note that an email or postal address must be provided with comments if the commenter wishes to receive direct notification of the EPA's final decision regarding the draft permits.

In addition, the EPA will hold a public hearing for the draft operating permits at 6:00 p.m. EST on January 16, 2025. The hearing will be held virtually via Zoom.gov (registration link: <https://usepa.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsdu2rrT8rH0ntjuUMOB37-VX1KRuc4w>). The hearing will be conducted in the English language. After registering for the meeting, the invitation will include phone numbers for those that wish to join via telephone. If you need a reasonable accommodation or have translation/interpretation needs, please contact Patrick Collins at collins.patrick@epa.gov

or (617) 918-1196 by no later than January 2, 2025. The hearing will end when all attendees wishing to speak have spoken, or at 8:00 p.m., whichever is sooner. If no parties join the hearing by 7:00 p.m. EST, EPA will close the hearing. Depending on the number of attendees that wish to speak, the Presiding Officer may set reasonable limits on the time allowed for oral statements. We request, if possible, that you provide a written copy of any testimony you intend to present during the hearing. A written transcript of the public hearing will be made available afterwards. The public hearing will be conducted according to the rules and

procedures of 40 C.F.R. § 124.12. More information regarding the public hearing and registration instructions are included on EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/caa-public-comment-opportunities-region-1>

The EPA will proceed with issuance of the final permits consistent with the regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 55, which incorporates by reference 310 CMR 7.00: Appendix C, and administrative procedural requirements at 40 C.F.R. part 124 or part 71. Following the close of the public comment period, and after the public hearing, the EPA will issue a Final Permit decision and forward a copy of the final decision to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments, provided comments at the hearing, or requested notice. Within 30 days following notice of the permit decisions, any interested parties may submit a petition for review of either of the permits to the EPA's Environmental Appeals Board consistent with 40 C.F.R. § 124.19 or § 71.11(l). Any person who filed comments on either of the draft permits or participated in a public hearing on either of the draft permits may file a petition for review. Additionally, any person who failed to file comments or failed to participate in the public hearing on the draft permits may petition for administrative review of any permit conditions set forth in the final permit decisions, but only to the extent that those final permit conditions reflect changes from the draft permits. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 124.15, the final permits become effective 30 days after permit issuance, unless: (1) a later effective date is specified in the permits; or (2) either of the permit decisions are appealed to the EPA's Environmental Appeals Board pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 124.19 or § 71.11(l); or (3) no comments resulted in a change to the draft permits or a denial of the permits, in which case the EPA may make the final permits effective immediately upon issuance.

The EPA will add the title V permits to the EPA Region 1 website at <https://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/caa-permitting-epas-new-england-region>. Anyone may request a copy of the final permit at any time by contacting Pujarini Maiti at maiti.pujarini@epa.gov or (617) 918-1625.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list to be informed of future actions on this or other CAA permits issued by EPA Region 1, please send your name and address to Air Permits Team, Air and Radiation Division (Mailcode 5-MO), U.S. EPA Region 1, 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, Boston, MA 02109, or sign up to receive notifications on our website at: <https://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/caa-permitting-epas-new-england-region>