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To: Supplee, Gwendolyn; Leon-Guerrero, Tim; Barnes, Britlyn
Cc: Mario.Cora@Maryland.gov; Lian Zhuang -MDE-
Subject: Fwd: US Wind - OCS air permit application
Attachments: 2023-08-17_US Wind OCS air permit application_cover ltr.pdf; 2023-08-17_Maryland Offshore Wind Project_OCS Air Permit Application_executed.pdf

Hello Gwen, Tim, and Britlyn,

We just received the application from US Wind. I am forwarding their email and attachments to you, just in case you do not receive your own copy. Thank you for all of your guidance. We will be in touch if we have questions, and please reach out to us if you need additional information. Thank you.

Suna Yi Sariscak

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Good afternoon Suna,

Attached please find US Wind's OCS air permit application and cover letter. We will put in the mail today at least two hard copies to your attention at the address below. Please let me know if you would like more than 2 copies.

MDE-ARA

Air Quality Permits Program

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We look forward to your review. I'll circle back soon to set up a call to go over our assumptions and modeling if that would be helpful.

Thanks!



Laurie Jodziewicz (she/her)

Senior Director of Environmental Affairs

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August 17, 2023

Ms. Suna Y. Sariscak
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Re: US Wind, Inc. OCS Air Permit Application for the Maryland Offshore Wind Project

Dear Ms. Sariscak:

US Wind, Inc. (US Wind) is pleased to submit the enclosed application for the proposed installation, operation, and maintenance of the Maryland Offshore Wind Project (the Project) to the Maryland Department of the Environment, the delegated authority by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to implement 40 CFR Part 55. The Project is an offshore wind energy project of up to approximately 2 gigawatts (GW) of nameplate capacity within the area described in OCS-A 0490 (the Lease), a Lease area of approximately 80,000 acres located approximately 18.5 km (11.5 miles, 10.0 nautical miles [nm]) off the coast of Maryland on the outer continental shelf (OCS).

US Wind looks forward to discussing the application with your team at the Maryland Department of the Environment. Please contact me at **Privacy** or **Privacy** @uswindinc.com with questions regarding the application.

Sincerely,

Privacy

Laurie Jodziewicz
Senior Director of Environmental Affairs
US Wind, Inc.

Enclosure: Maryland Offshore Wind Project Outer Continental Shelf Air Permit Application

cc:

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From: Suna Yi Sariscak <suna.sariscak@maryland.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2024 8:43 AM
To: Opila, MaryCate; Supplee, Gwendolyn; Payne, Katharine
Cc: Mario.Cora@Maryland.gov
Subject: US Wind, Inc. - Draft Permit and Approval Documents for EPA Review and Comment
Attachments: EPAletter-PublicHearing-signed.pdf

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Hello Mary Cate,

Please see the attached letter regarding the Department's tentative determination, draft permit and approval documents, and public hearing for US Wind, Inc.'s proposed Maryland Offshore Wind Project. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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SENT VIA E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE

December 5, 2024

Ms. Mary Cate Opila, Chief
Permits Branch
U.S. EPA Region 3
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Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear Ms. Opila:

The purpose of this letter is to submit for your review and comment, the Maryland Department of the Environment's air quality permit-to-construct, non-attainment New Source Review (NSR), and Prevention of Significant Deterioration determinations regarding US Wind, Inc.'s proposed construction and operation of the Maryland Offshore Wind Project consisting of up to 121 wind turbine generators (WTG), up to four (4) offshore substations (OSS), and one (1) meteorological tower (Met Tower). The proposed project will be located approximately 10 nautical miles (NM) off the coast of Worcester County, Maryland on the outer continental shelf (OCS).

All documents related to this review are located on the Department's website here:

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/permits/AirManagementPermits/Pages/U.-S.-Wind-Maryland-Offshore-Wind-Project.aspx>

The documents should provide you with sufficient information to develop comments for the record. A public hearing has been scheduled to provide the public and opportunity to submit comments on the draft air quality Permit to Construct, the non-attainment NSR Approval, and the PSD Approval. The official comment period for EPA will expire on January 13, 2024.

If you should have any questions or comments, please contact me at (410) 537-4129 or by email at suna.sariscak@maryland.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Privacy

Suna Yi Sariscak, Manager
Air Quality Permits Program
Air and Radiation Administration

Cc: Gwendolyn Supplee, EPA R3
Katherine Payne, EPA R3
Mario Cora, MDE

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
AIR AND RADIATION ADMINISTRATION**

**NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DETERMINATION, PUBLIC HEARING, AND
OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS**

FIRST NOTICE

The Maryland Department of the Environment, Air and Radiation Administration (ARA) received an air quality permit application from US Wind, Inc. on November 30, 2023 (electronically), and hardcopies received on December 7, 2023 for the construction and operation of the Maryland Offshore Wind Project (the Project) consisting of up to 121 wind turbine generators (WTG), up to four (4) offshore substations (OSS), and one (1) meteorological tower (Met Tower). The proposed project will be located approximately 10 nautical miles (NM) off the coast of Worcester County, Maryland on the outer continental shelf (OCS). The application consists of an air quality permit-to-construct application, an application for a New Source Review (NSR) Approval, and an application for a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Approval.

Pursuant to Section 1-604, of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Department has made a tentative determination that the Permit-to-Construct, NSR Approval, and PSD Approval can be issued. A final determination on issuance of the permit and approvals will only be made after review of all pertinent information presented at the public hearing or received in written comments. Copies of the Department's tentative determination, the application, the draft permit and approval conditions, and other supporting documents are available for public inspection on the Department's website here:

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/permits/AirManagementPermits/Pages/U.-S.-Wind-Maryland-Offshore-Wind-Project.aspx>

In accordance with HB 1200/Ch. 588 of 2022, the applicant provided an environmental justice (EJ) Score for the census tract in which the project is located using the MDE EJ Screening Tool. The EJ Score, expressed as a statewide percentile, was shown to be 17.29, which the Department has verified. This score considers three demographic indicators, minority population above 50%, poverty rate above 25% and limited English proficiency above 15%, to identify underserved communities, and multiple environmental health indicators to identify overburdened communities. The Department's review of the environmental and socioeconomic indicators contributing to that EJ score is included in the tentative determination that is available for public inspection.

The issuance of the Permit-to-Construct, NSR Approval, and PSD Approval will be the subject of a Public Hearing to be held on January 7, 2025 (inclement weather date: January 9, 2025) from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Ocean City Convention Center, Room 215, located at 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland 21842.

Persons who wish to make a statement concerning this application at the hearing are requested to provide the Department with a copy of their statement. In lieu of oral statements at the hearing, written comments may be submitted at the time of the hearing or to the Department no later than 30 days from the date of this notice or within 5 days after the hearing, whichever is later.

Interested persons may request an extension to the public comment period. The extension request must be submitted in writing and must be received by the Department no later than 30 days from the date of this notice or within 5 days after the hearing, whichever is later. The public comment period may only be extended one time for a 60-day period.

All requests for an extension to the public comment period and all written comments should be directed to the attention of Ms. Shannon Heafey by email to shannon.heafey@maryland.gov or by mail to the Air and Radiation Administration, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21230.

The Department will provide an interpreter for deaf and hearing impaired persons provided that a request is made for such service at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing. Further information may be obtained by calling Ms. Shannon Heafey at 410-537-4433.

Christopher R. Hoagland, Director
Air and Radiation Administration

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From: Shannon Heafey -MDE- <shannon.heafey@maryland.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 06, 2025 3:44 PM
To: Shannon Heafey -MDE-
Subject: Fwd: Public Notice of Final Determination for U.S. Wind Off-Shore Power Air Permit
Attachments: Concerned Community FD Letter.pdf

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Dear Concerned Community Member:

Attached please find a letter and Public Notice of Final Determination for the Air Quality Permit to Construct for the U.S. Wind Offshore Power project, along with the Department's Final Determination and Response to Comments document. These documents are also on the Department's Website.

Thank you for your interest and participation in this Air Quality Permit process.

Sincerely,
Shannon Heafey

Shannon Heafey Public Participation Coordinator
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Wes Moore, Governor
Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor

Serena McIlwain, Secretary
Suzanne E. Dorsey, Deputy Secretary
Adam Ortiz, Deputy Secretary

Dear Concerned Community Member:

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the air quality permit application submitted by US Wind, Inc. for the Maryland Offshore Wind Project consisting of up to 121 wind turbine generators (WTG), up to four (4) offshore substations (OSS), and one (1) meteorological tower (Met Tower) located near your jurisdiction. A public hearing was held on January 9, 2025 to receive public comments on the application.

Upon receipt of all comments, the Department is satisfied that there will be no adverse impact to public health or the environment, and has made a final determination to issue the permit and approvals. The Department will publish the enclosed notice at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in a daily or weekly newspaper of general circulation in the geographical area in which the installation is located. A final determination by the Department may be subject to judicial review as specified in the enclosed notice.

I have enclosed a copy of the Department's Response to Comments, mentioned in the notice, for your review. The information is also posted on the Department's website as mentioned in the notice. Please pass this information on to other parties whom you believe may be interested.

Should you have any questions on the Response to Comments or the status of the permit, please contact me at (410) 537-4433, or at Shannon.heafey@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,
/s/

Shannon Heafey, Public Participation Coordinator
Air Quality Permits Program
Air and Radiation Administration

SLH/jm

Enclosures

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
AIR AND RADIATION ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE OF FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING A
PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT, PSD APPROVAL, AND NSR APPROVAL
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMMISSIONING
OF THE MARYLAND WIND OFFSHORE PROJECT
SUBMITTED BY US WIND, INC.**

FIRST NOTICE

The Maryland Department of the Environment, Air and Radiation Administration (ARA), has made a final determination to issue a Permit to Construct, a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Approval, and New Source Review (NSR) Approval to US Wind, Inc. The proposed project will be located approximately 10 nautical miles (NM) off the coast of Worcester County, Maryland on the outer continental shelf (OCS). Copies of the application, the final determination, the permit conditions and emissions limitations, the Department's responses to public comments, and other supporting documents are available for public inspection on the Department's website:

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/permits/AirManagementPermits/Pages/U.-S.-Wind-Maryland-Offshore-Wind-Project-.aspx>

ARA is issuing the permit and approvals, including the conditions and emissions limitations presented in the docket, with an effective date of June 6, 2025.

In accordance with HB 1200/Ch. 588 of 2022, an environmental justice (EJ) Score was determined for the census tract in which the project is located using the Maryland EJ Screening Tool. The EJ Score, expressed as a statewide percentile, was shown to be 17.29. This score considers three demographic indicators, minority population above 50%, poverty rate above 25% and limited English proficiency above 15%, to identify underserved communities, and multiple environmental health indicators to identify overburdened communities. The Department's review of the environmental and socioeconomic indicators contributing to that EJ score is included in the docket that is available for public inspection.

Pursuant to Section 1-601 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, a final determination by the Department is subject to judicial review at the request of any person that: (1) Meets the threshold standing requirements under federal law; and (2)(i) Is the applicant; or (ii) Participated in a public participation process through the submission of written or oral comments.

Any petition for judicial review must be filed pursuant to Section 1-605 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. The petition shall be filed by July 14, 2025 in the circuit court for the county where the application for the permit states that the proposed activity will occur and otherwise conform to the requirements of Title 1, Subtitle 6 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Ms. Shannon Heafey, Public Participation Coordinator, at 410-537-4433 or shannon.heafey@maryland.gov.

Christopher R. Hoagland, Director
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