



North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources cordially invites you to attend a Mid-Atlantic meeting on November 6, 2014, to discuss the development of the Five Year Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing Program for 2017 - 2022; the tentative agenda is attached.

The meeting will consist of a series of panel discussions on the Five Year Program on topics related to the exploration, leasing and development of offshore energy resources. The objective is to bring together the major federal and state policymakers and stakeholders to meet each other; better understand the concerns, obstacles, and opportunities associated with offshore energy exploration and development; and learn how we can assist BOEM as they prepare the Five Year Program. The panel discussions will be interactive to allow for open dialogue amongst the experts and attendees. The meeting is invitation-only.

We believe effective communication and coordination will enable BOEM to develop a responsible Five Year Program that includes practicable safeguards to eliminate or reduce impacts to human, marine and coastal environments; military and shipping operations; and fishing and recreational industries.

The meeting will take place in the Bill Ross Environmental Conference Center on the fourth floor of the Nature Research Center located at 121 West Jones Street in Raleigh, North Carolina. Directions and parking information can be found at <http://naturalsciences.org/visitor-info/directions-parking>.

Please let us know if you are able to attend by Oct. 15. RSVPs can be emailed to Jenny Kelvington at jenny.kelvington@ncdenr.gov.

We look forward to seeing you in November.

Sincerely,

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