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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** December 12, 2023  
**To:** Council  
**From:** Julia Beaty, staff  
**Subject:** Additional Updates on Offshore Wind Energy Development

Recent updates on offshore wind energy development through December 7, 2023 are included in a [memo](#) provided as a supplemental briefing document with the executive director's report for the December 2023 Council meeting.

Since the previous memo was finalized, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announced the following additional updates:

- **Proposed sale notice for two new lease areas off Delaware/Maryland and Virginia.** More information is available [here](#). A public comment period is open through February 10, 2024.
- **Final environmental impact statement for Sunrise Wind.** A Record of Decision announcing BOEM's decision to approve, approve with modifications, or disapprove the Construction and Operations Plan for this project, as well as associated terms and conditions (e.g., fisheries mitigation and compensation measures), is expected in early 2024. More information is available [here](#).
- **Consideration of additional potential Wind Energy Areas off Maryland.** The Biden-Harris administration and the State of Maryland will collaborate to consider potential development of additional Wind Energy Areas off Maryland. More information is available [here](#).