

agencies), announce the availability of the final addendum to the Federal Land Managers' Air Quality Related Values Work Group's (FLAG's) Phase 1 Report, which the agencies last revised in 2010 (FLAG 2010 report). The addendum adds a contextual consideration provision to the FLAG 2010 report concerning the analysis by Federal land managers (FLMs) of temporary emissions for overall low-emitting facilities.

Background

The Federal Land Managers' Air Quality Related Values Work Group (FLAG) was formed by the NPS, FWS, and USFS to (1) develop a more consistent and objective approach for these agencies' FLMs to evaluate air pollution effects on their air quality related values (AQRVs) in Federal class I areas, as defined by the Clean Air Act, and (2) provide State permitting authorities and potential permit applicants consistency on how to assess the impacts of new and existing sources on AQRVs.

The FLAG effort focuses on the effects of the air pollutants that could affect the health and status of resources in areas managed by the agencies, primarily such pollutants as ozone, particulate matter, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrates, and sulfates.

The initial FLAG Phase 1 Report was published in 2000. On October 27, 2010, NPS, in cooperation with FWS and USFS, published a revised FLAG report (75 FR 66125).

Comments Received and Responses

On November 28, 2023, the agencies published a notice of availability and request for comments on the draft addendum to the FLAG Phase 1 Report (88 FR 83144). In response to the request for comments, we received comments from two entities. We reviewed and considered the comments prior to finalizing the addendum.

Comment 1: Epsilon Associates, Inc., expressed support for the addendum, noting the need for contextual clarity on short-lived emissions.

Response: We acknowledge the comment and appreciate the support for the addendum.

Comment 2: The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation suggested including additional criteria concerning air permitting analysis and a date at which the addendum terminates. The commenter also sought clarity on other areas within the addendum. The following text summarizes those comments and our responses:

A. The addendum should include criteria that align with air permitting

analysis and should use generally accepted engineering practices for air permitting analysis of project emissions.

Response: The addendum does not modify any language or guidance in FLAG regarding general engineering practices. However, FWS agrees with the commenter that the FLM analysis should align with the air permitting analysis to the extent the analysis provides information relevant to AQRVs at the potentially impacted class I area. The draft addendum adds a contextual criterion for temporary air emissions that would occur alongside any considerations of generally accepted practices for emissions, modeling, and analysis.

B. It is not clear if the temporary emission criteria conflict with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidance on a State's ability to make reasonable progress determinations.

Response: To address the commenter's request for clarity, the addendum adds a contextual criterion for FLMs to consider temporary emissions. It does not alter a permit authority's process to make reasonable progress determinations under the Regional Haze Rule or New Source Review, Prevention of Significant Deterioration determinations. Additionally, the addendum is consistent with existing regulations, as it applies only to the FLMs' discretionary determinations, as authorized under the Clean Air Act and implementing regulations.

C. It is not clear whether the outlined criteria are consistent with requirements under the Clean Air Act or EPA regulations. The comment questions whether the addendum introduces "extra-regulatory" factors, relying on the FLM's best professional judgment rather than on permitting requirements.

Response: The FLMs use these criteria to evaluate the effect a project may have on the AQRVs in a class I area and how any predicted AQRV impacts may affect the FLM's ability to manage public lands consistent with statutory mandates for the area (e.g., to provide for resource protection and visitor experience). The addendum does not alter a permit authority's Clean Air Act regulatory role in evaluating FLM determinations.

D. The addendum should include a sunset date.

Response: While the guidance does not include a sunset date in the addendum, FWS, in coordination with NPS and USFS, will periodically evaluate whether this addendum continues to articulate the FLM's contextual considerations for temporary emission increases.

This notice announces the availability of complete responses to comments on the draft addendum and the final addendum to the FLAG 2010 revision to add a contextual consideration to the FLAG 2010 report concerning the FLM's analysis of temporary emissions for overall low-emitting facilities. The final addendum does not change the FLM's role or affirmative responsibilities under the Clean Air Act. The final addendum is expected to assist FLAG 2010 report users by describing how the FLMs, as part of their responsibilities under the Clean Air Act, will consider temporary emissions for overall low-emitting facilities in analyzing effects to AQRVs in Federal class I areas.

Authority

We publish this notice under the authority of the Clean Air Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting of the Western Oregon Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces that the Western Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will host a meeting and field tour.

DATES: The Western Oregon RAC will participate in an in-person meeting with a virtual participation option on July 10, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Pacific Time (PT). In addition, a field tour will occur on the same day from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. PT. The field tour and meeting are open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held, and the field tour will commence and conclude, at the BLM Coos Bay District Office, 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, OR 97459. The field tour will be of BLM Coos Bay District lands along Highway 38, east of Coos Bay, Oregon. The RAC will travel to the BLM Loon Lake

Recreation Site, then proceed to public lands near Ash Valley, Oregon.

Individuals wishing to participate virtually must contact Megan Harper, Public Affairs Specialist for the Coos Bay District, at (541) 751-4353 or m1harper@blm.gov to receive a link to attend the Zoom meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Megan Harper, Public Affairs Specialist, Coos Bay District, 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, OR 97459; phone: (541) 751-4353; email: m1harper@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Western Oregon RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of public land issues across public lands in Western Oregon, including the Coos Bay, Medford, Northwest Oregon, and Roseburg Districts and part of the Lakeview District. At the July 10 meeting, the RAC will receive information on the statuses of Secure Rural Schools grant applications and hear from the District Managers about current events in Western Oregon.

On the field tour, the RAC will tour the Loon Lake Recreation Site and discuss infrastructure improvements, recreation management, and fee collection. The RAC will then travel to BLM-managed forestlands to discuss forest management and habitat creation. The final agenda will be posted online two weeks in advance of the meeting on the RAC's web page at <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/oregon-washington/western-oregon-rac>.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting and the field tour but must provide their own transportation and meals. Individuals who plan to attend must RSVP to the BLM Coos Bay District Office at least one week in advance of the field tour to the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Please make requests in advance for sign language interpreter services, assistive listening devices, language translation services, or other reasonable accommodations. We ask that you contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice at least seven business days prior to the meeting to give the BLM

sufficient time to process your request. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

The meeting is open to the public, and a public comment period will be held on July 10, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. PT. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and the time available, time allotted for individual oral comments may be limited. The public may submit written comments to the RAC by emailing the RAC coordinator at m1harper@blm.gov.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Previous minutes, membership information, and upcoming agendas are available at: <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/oregon-washington/western-oregon-rac>. Detailed minutes for the RAC meetings are also maintained in the Coos Bay District Office and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within 90 days following the meeting.

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Heather L. Whitman,

Roseburg District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Assessment for a Wind Energy Research Lease on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf Offshore Maine

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announces the availability of the final environmental assessment (EA) for the potential issuance of a wind energy research lease to the State of Maine. The final EA analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the site characterization and site assessment activities that are

expected to take place should this research lease be issued. This notice of availability (NOA) announces the availability of the final EA. The final EA will inform BOEM's decision whether to issue the research lease.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Action: The final EA considers reasonably foreseeable environmental consequences of routine and non-routine activities associated with issuance of a wind energy research lease and related site assessment and site characterization activities within and around the lease and potential future project easements. The State of Maine provided information about planned site assessment and site characterization activities including the general location, timing, and frequency of the activities and the types of equipment and vessels likely to be used. BOEM has identified standard operating conditions (SOCs) and mitigation to reduce or eliminate the potential risks to or conflicts with specific environmental resources. These SOCs and mitigation were developed through the analyses presented in Section 3 of the final EA and through consultations with other Federal agencies. A summary of the SOCs and mitigation are listed in Appendix D of the final EA. If the research lease is issued, BOEM will require the lessee to comply with the SOCs and mitigation through lease stipulations and/or as conditions of the Site Assessment Plan and Research Activities Plan approval. This EA does not consider construction and operation of any wind energy-related research facilities within the Gulf of Maine, which, if proposed, would be evaluated by BOEM as a separate NEPA action.

Alternatives: In addition to the Proposed Action, BOEM considered a No Action Alternative. Under the No Action Alternative, BOEM would not issue a wind energy research lease to the State of Maine and site assessment activities would not occur within the leased area of the Gulf of Maine. BOEM's preferred alternative is the Proposed Action.

Finding of No Significant Impact: After carefully considering alternatives described and analyzed in the final EA and comments from the public and cooperating and consulting agencies on the draft EA, BOEM finds that the issuance of a wind energy research lease within the proposed lease area offshore