OCSAB Summer Seminar
Navigating Through the BOEM and BSEE Organizations

June 8, 2017
Policymaking in the U.S. Government
General Model of the Policymaking Process

Agenda Setting
- Speeches; polling; positioning; prioritizing

Formulation & Adoption
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Policymaking Process at DOI

DOI

Organizational Chart
How to Engage on Policy?

- Identify and tracking issues
  - Follow press, publications, news cycle, think tanks, hearings, meetings
- Developing positions
  - Research, analysis, discussion, collaboration
- Providing information and context
  - Think tanks, reporting, issue updates
- Engaging policymakers
  - Hill visits, agency meetings, workshops
- Building coalitions of support
  - Trade associations, industry partnerships
How to Engage on Operations?

• Understand the roles and responsibilities of the bureaus.
• Be familiar with the organization of each bureau.
Roles of BOEM – Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

• **Mission Statement:**

• *BOEM manages the development of the nation’s offshore resources in an environmentally and economically responsible way.*

• **BOEM is responsible for the following:**

  • Five-year leasing programs
  • Public lease sales
  • Management of leases from initial conveyance until final relinquishment
  • Environmental analysis per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
  • Plan Administration
  • Resource Evaluation
  • Economic Analysis
  • Renewable Energy Program
Roles of BSEE – Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

• **Mission Statement:**
  
  *BSEE works to promote safety, protect the environment, and conserve resources through vigorous regulatory oversight and enforcement.*

• **BSEE is responsible for the following:**
  
  • Permitting of drilling, construction and decommissioning activities
  • Inspection of equipment and facilities
  • Offshore regulatory programs
  • Oil spill response plans
  • Training and environmental compliance
BOEM Organization Chart

Office of the Director
Walter Cruickshank

Deputy Director
CFO
Deanna Meyer-Pietruszka

Office of Strategic Resources Programs
Renee Orr
- Economics Division
- Leasing Division
- Resource Evaluation Division
- Risk Management Policy Group

Office of Renewable Energy Programs
James Bennett

Office of Environmental Programs
William Brown
- Environmental Assessment Division
- Environmental Sciences Division

BOEM Gulf of Mexico OCS Region

BOEM Pacific OCS Region

BOEM Alaska OCS Region
BOEM Gulf Region

Deputy Regional Director
Barry Obiol

Office of the Regional Director
Michael Celata

Organizational Development & Support
W. Scott Bodet

FOIA
Steve Waddell

Public Affairs
John Filostrat

Senior Advisor
Michele Daigle

Office of Environment
Terri Thomas

Leasing & Plans
Jaron Ming

Resource Evaluation
Matt Wilson

Risk Management Operations Group
George Tropiano
BSEE Organization Chart

Director
Scott Angelle

Deputy Director
Margaret Schneider

Associate Director for Strategic Engagement

Office of Public Affairs

Office of Congressional & International Affairs

Integrity and Professional Responsibility Advisor

Office of Budget

Office of Policy & Analysis

Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs
Doug Morris

Oil Spill Preparedness Division
David Moore

Environmental Compliance Division
David Fish

Safety & Incident Investigations Division
Stacey Noem

Safety Enforcement Division
Robert Fisher

Office of Administration
Scott Mabry

Alaska OCS Region
Mark Fesmire

Gulf of Mexico OCS Region
Lars Herbst

Pacific OCS Region
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IBLA reviews agency's decisions

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TRACK 1
Department of the Interior’s Administrative Appeals Process

Regional Level
BOEM/BSEE/ONRR

Apply for an SOP
(example)

Informal Resolution

Informal Resolution

TRACK 2
Judiciary Process

DC Level
Office Of Hearings & Appeals (OHA) / DOI

IBLA
- Appeal within 60 days of order

Request Stay

Director of OHA

Secretary of DOI

Formal Resolution

Informal Resolution

US Supreme Court

US Federal Court of Appeals

Appeal to US Federal District Courts

Informal Resolution
Questions ??????