

**Agency Communication Plan**  
**Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind**  
**Lease Area OCS-A 0558**



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## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

|                 |                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BOEM            | Bureau of Ocean Energy Management                                                                                                            |
| BSEE            | Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement                                                                                               |
| CVOW            | Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind                                                                                                               |
| Dominion Energy | Dominion Energy Virginia                                                                                                                     |
| Lease Area      | Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf Offshore Virginia (Lease No. OCS-A 0558) |
| USACE           | United States Army Corps of Engineers                                                                                                        |
| NMFS            | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service                                                          |
| EPA             | Environmental Protection Agency                                                                                                              |
| USFWS           | United States Fish and Wildlife Service                                                                                                      |
| USCG            | United States Coast Guard                                                                                                                    |
| DoD             | United States Department of Defense                                                                                                          |
| VMRC            | Virginia Marine Resources Commission                                                                                                         |
| VDEQ            | Virginia Department of Environmental Quality                                                                                                 |
| VDCR            | Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation                                                                                           |
| VDWR            | Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources                                                                                                    |
| VDHR            | Virginia Department of Historic Resources                                                                                                    |
| SCC             | State Corporation Commission                                                                                                                 |
| VDOT            | Virginia Department of Transportation                                                                                                        |

## 1 INTRODUCTION AND LEASE DESCRIPTION

In August of 2024, the Virginia Electric and Power Company, doing business as Dominion Energy Virginia (hereafter referred to as Dominion Energy) successfully secured the lease rights to an area east of Virginia Beach, VA, on the outer continental shelf (OCS) of the Central Atlantic Ocean, as part of an offshore wind energy lease sale. Designated as OCS-Atlantic 0558 (OCS-A 0558), the Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (the lease) was executed by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and Dominion Energy on November 1, 2024.

Dominion Energy prepared this Agency Communication Plan (ACP) in accordance with Section 3.1.2.3 of Addendum C of the Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf Offshore Virginia (Lease Area OCS-A 0558, the Lease Area) executed on November 1, 2024.

Situated approximately 36 nm from the entrance of the Chesapeake Bay, the site consists of 176,505 acres to be utilized for the generation of energy using wind turbine generators and associated offshore substation platforms, inter-array cables, and subsea export cables (Figure 1). This Lease Area is one of four held by Dominion Energy, and located immediately east of the CVOW-Commercial Lease Area (OCS-A 0483; Figure 2). As stated in Virginia Electric and Power Company's 2024 Integrated Resource Plan, securing Lease Area OCS-A 0558 provides Dominion Energy with the option to pursue additional offshore wind development in the mid-Atlantic. Dominion Energy does not yet have plans to develop the lease area. As such, it is anticipated that this plan will be refined at such time as any future planning progresses.

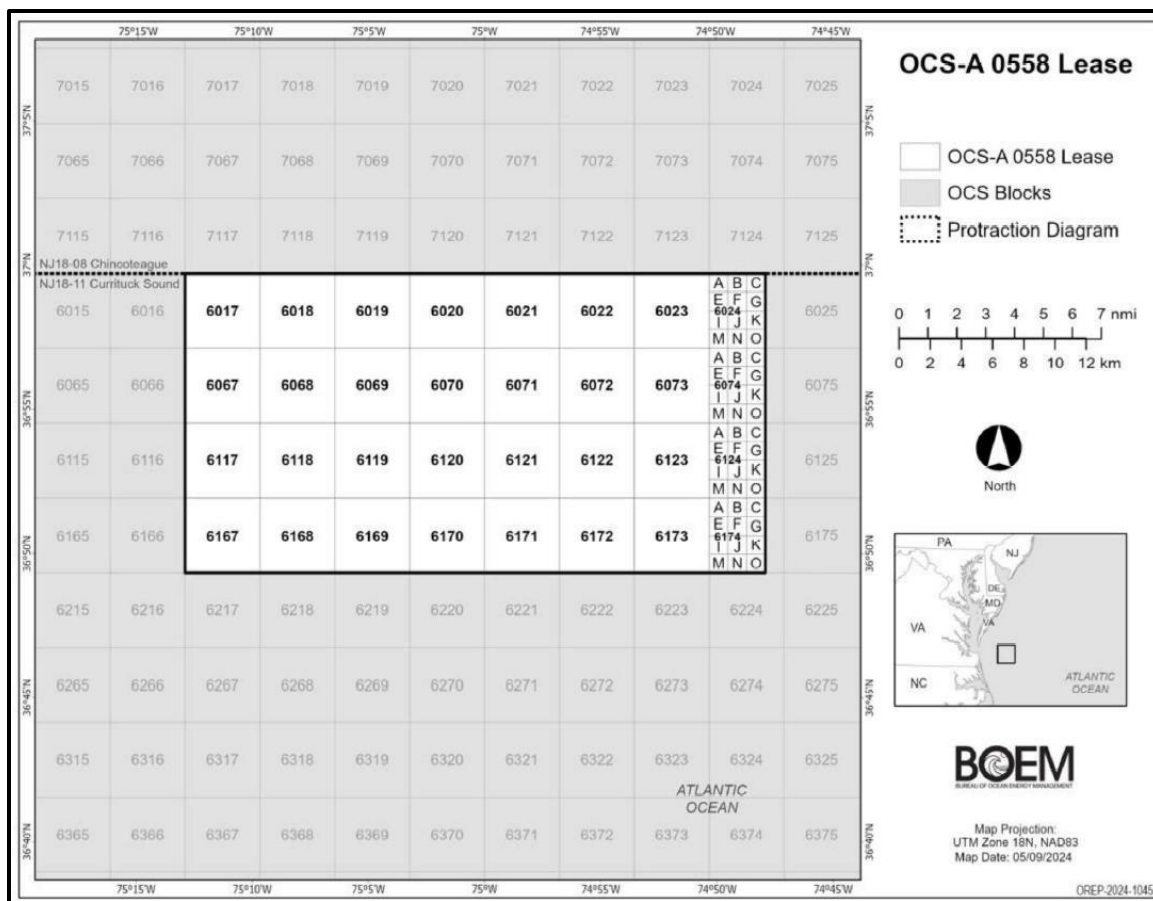
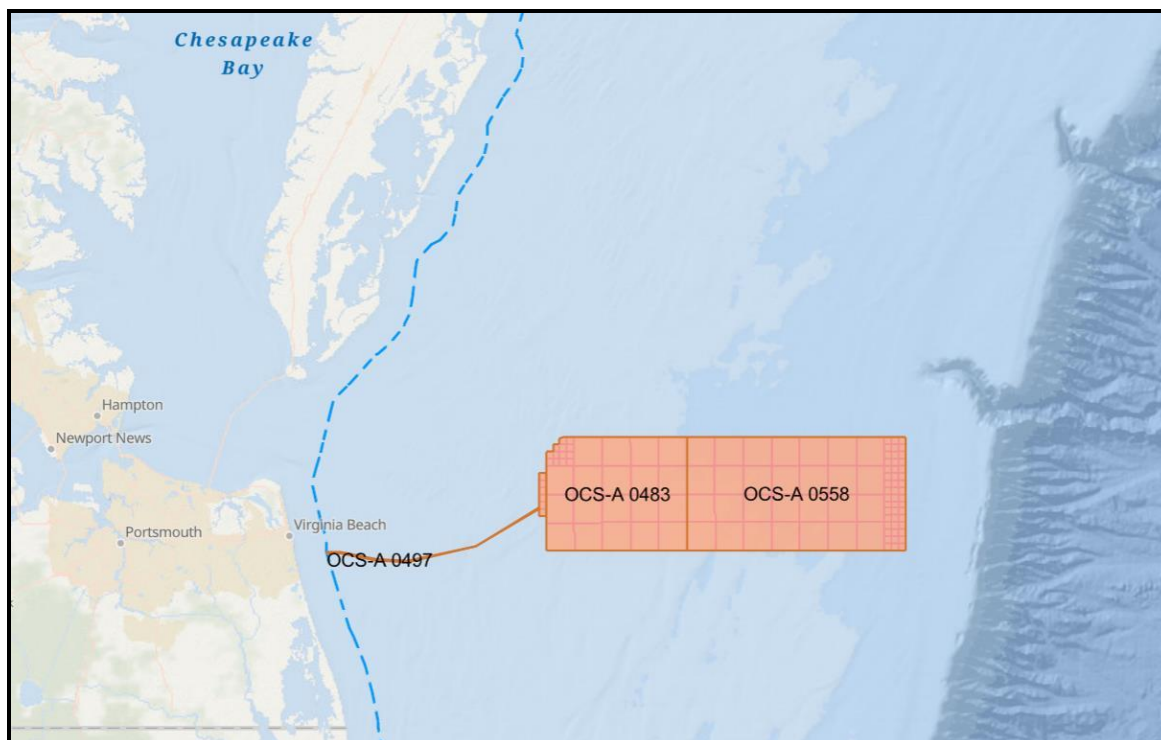


Figure 1-1: OCS-A 0558 Lease Area



**Figure 1-2: Chart of OCS-A 0558 relative to OCS-A 0483**

In addition to OCS-A 0483 and OCS-A 0558, Dominion Energy holds the CVOW-South Lease Area (OCS-A 0559) and holds a research lease referred to as the CVOW-Pilot Lease Area (OCS-A 0497). Dominion Energy was the first developer to install wind turbine generators on the Outer Continental Shelf as part of the CVOW-Pilot project, and the first to obtain federal approval to do so from BOEM in 2019. Dominion Energy received federal approval for construction of the 2.6 gigawatt CVOW-Commercial Project in 2024.

Dominion Energy intends to leverage the relationships, lessons learned, and communications strategies established through the development of the CVOW-Pilot and CVOW-Commercial Projects in the development of the OCS-A 0558 Lease Area.

## 1.1 Lessee Communication Goals and Principles

The goal of this ACP is to frame how Dominion Energy will communicate project activities with jurisdictional agencies in a consistent and transparent manner. This ACP is designed to foster early and active information sharing, focused discussions on potential issues, and collaborative identification of solutions. This document is intended to be a living document that will be updated as needed to incorporate feedback, comments, suggestions, and lessons learned as communication with agencies evolves during project development.

## 2 LESSEE CONTACT INFORMATION

Dominion Energy identifies Michael Lewis, Construction Project Advisor, as the primary point of contact for the Lease Area. Mitchell Jabs, Environmental Manager, will serve as the secondary point of contact. Contact information is below:

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### 3 AUDIENCE

Dominion Energy is committed to engagement with federal, state, and local agencies at all staff levels beginning at the earliest planning stage of a project. Building from the agency engagement and outreach processes established on the CVOW-Commercial and CVOW-Pilot Projects, Dominion Energy supports transparent communication with all federal, state, and local regulatory agencies who have potential jurisdiction over development activities offshore and onshore. A list of anticipated federal and state agencies identified for engagement are included as Table 1. Engagement of local agencies will be highly dependent on project design elements. Local agencies and other stakeholders will be incorporated into this ACP as project planning progresses. Such agencies may include but are not limited to local municipalities, local wetlands boards, local transportation agencies, and local soil and water conservation districts.



Table 1. Anticipated Federal and State Agency Contacts

| Regulatory Agency                                                                   | Acronym | Point(s) of Contact                                                                                                                                         | Contact Information                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bureau of Ocean Energy Management                                                   | BOEM    | David Diamond<br><i>Deputy Chief for Atlantic Operations</i>                                                                                                | David.Diamond@boem.gov                                                                                                                                             |
| Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement                                      | BSEE    | Jonathan Fraser<br><i>Renewable Energy Specialist, Office of the Director</i><br>Mark Kozak<br><i>Mechanical Engineer - Operations Deputy</i>               | <a href="mailto:Jonathan.Fraser@bsee.gov">Jonathan.Fraser@bsee.gov</a><br><a href="mailto:Mark.Kozak@bsee.gov">Mark.Kozak@bsee.gov</a>                             |
| U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Norfolk District                                     | USACE   | Tom Walker<br><i>Chief, Regulatory Branch</i>                                                                                                               | William.T.Walker@usace.army.mil                                                                                                                                    |
| National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Marine Fisheries Service | NMFS    | Jaclyn Daly<br><i>MMPA Offshore Team Lead</i><br>Julie Crocker<br><i>ESA Fish, Ecosystems and Energy Branch Chief</i>                                       | <a href="mailto:Jaclyn.daly@noaa.gov">Jaclyn.daly@noaa.gov</a><br>Julie.crocker@noaa.gov                                                                           |
| U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service                                                      | USFWS   | Troy Anderson<br><i>Field Office Supervisor, Ecological Services</i>                                                                                        | <a href="mailto:troy_andersen@fws.gov">troy_andersen@fws.gov</a>                                                                                                   |
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| Regulatory Agency                                  | Acronym | Point(s) of Contact                                              | Contact Information              |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
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| Environmental Protection Agency                    | EPA     | TBD                                                              |                                  |
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| Virginia Department of Environmental Quality       | VDEQ    | Mike Rolband<br><i>Director</i>                                  | Michael.Rolband@DEQ.Virginia.gov |
| Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation | VDCR    | Natural Heritage Division                                        | NHAdmin@dcr.virginia.gov         |
| Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources          | VDWR    | Becky Gwynn<br><i>Executive Deputy Director</i>                  | Becky.Gwynn@dwr.virginia.gov     |
| Virginia Department of Historic Resources          | VDHR    | Roger Kirchen<br><i>Director, Review and Compliance Division</i> | Roger.kirchen@dhr.va.gov         |
| Virginia State Corporation Commission              | SCC     | TBD                                                              |                                  |
| Virginia Department of Transportation              | VDOT    | TBD                                                              |                                  |

## 4 REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

The development of this ACP is driven by the requirements outlined in Section 3.1.2.3 of Addendum C of the Lease. Section 3.1.2.3 of Addendum C outlines that Dominion Energy must develop an ACP that details strategies Dominion Energy will employ for communication with federal, state, and local agencies. It states that the ACP should specify agency points of contact and include detailed information and protocols for regular engagement with permitting and resource agencies. More specifically, the ACP should include:

- Types of engagement activities (e.g. one-on-one meetings, interagency meetings, open information sharing meetings, etc)
- Frequency of proposed engagements (e.g. monthly, quarterly, bi-annually, annually, etc.)
- Meeting locations or virtual platforms
- Contact information

Dominion Energy must make the ACP available to BOEM and other agencies upon request. Dominion Energy must provide a draft ACP to BOEM and other permitting and resource agencies with authority related to the Lease Area for review and comment, and host a meeting with each interested agency within 180 days of the lease effective date unless extended by BOEM. Upon submission of the ACP, Dominion Energy intends to offer the opportunity for a meeting with interested agencies upon their request.

## 5 ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Dominion Energy proposes to use a variety of formats to share information and solicit information and feedback from permitting and resource agencies. The format will be driven by goals of the engagement and the subject matter (i.e. general updates versus resource-specific technical discussions). Dominion Energy proposes to utilize the following types of engagement:

- Routine publication of project updates and information sharing via project website
- Routine and ad hoc presentations and meetings to discuss project updates, schedule, and overall progress
- Development of resource-specific working groups with routine meeting frequency (e.g. Avian)
- Resource-specific technical meetings with relevant agencies

The format for agency meetings is anticipated to be predominantly virtual on a mutually accessible platform, with in-person meetings offered as needed.

As a first step, Dominion Energy would host a series of kick-off meetings with permitting and resource agencies to discuss the goals of the project, anticipated timeline, and seek agency feedback. These meetings will aid in project planning by establishing key agency points of contact and roles and responsibilities, providing an opportunity for agencies to communicate information needs, and identifying topics for future discussions. Following these initial meetings, Dominion Energy would work with permitting and resource agencies to establish an appropriate meeting cadence and schedule individual meetings as needed.

To support successful engagement and meaningful use of feedback and information shared during agency communications, Dominion Energy may implement the following tools:

- Record detailed meeting notes and distribute promptly upon conclusion of meeting
- Log each agency engagement, including key takeaways, in Dominion Energy's internal communications tracking system
- Summarize key engagement progress in the Biannual progress reports to BOEM
- Continuous refinement of the ACP to reflect agency requests and level of engagement required based on the status of project planning and permitting

As project planning and permitting progresses, it is anticipated that the content and frequency of engagements will evolve. Table 2 includes an initial outline of anticipated agency meetings to support site assessment and COP development.

**Table 2. Anticipated Agency Meetings**

| <b>Purpose</b>                                             | <b>Type</b>                  | <b>Agencies</b>                                     | <b>Timeline/Frequency<sup>1</sup></b>                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Routine Meetings</b>                                    |                              |                                                     |                                                             |
| Project status update and information sharing              | Single Agency                | BOEM                                                | Bi-Weekly                                                   |
| Project status update and information sharing              | Single Agency                | Other permitting and resource agencies <sup>2</sup> | To be determined                                            |
| <b>Technical Meetings</b>                                  |                              |                                                     |                                                             |
| ACP review                                                 | Interagency                  | All interested agencies                             | Within 180 days of Lease assignment unless extended by BOEM |
| Project kick off                                           | Single Agency or Interagency | Federal and state agencies                          | Following formal project announcement by Dominion Energy    |
| Offshore survey planning                                   | Interagency                  | May include BOEM, NMFS, USACE, USCG, USFWS, VDWWR   | 3 months prior to commencement of survey activities         |
| Navigational safety and risks                              | Interagency                  | USCG, USACE, BOEM                                   | During development of Project Design Envelope (PDE)         |
| Cultural resources assessments                             | Interagency                  | BOEM, VDHR                                          | Prior to surveys                                            |
| Construction and Operations Plan (COP) and PDE Development | Interagency or Single Agency | May include BOEM, NMFS, USACE                       | During development of PDE                                   |
| Environmental and technical assessments to support COP     | Interagency or Single Agency | May include BOEM, NMFS, USFWS, USACE, EPA, USCG     | During COP development                                      |

<sup>1</sup> Dominion Energy anticipates the majority of meetings outlined within this table to be initiated following formal project announcement.<sup>2</sup> As project development progresses, Dominion Energy will work with other permitting and resource agencies to establish an appropriate meeting frequency

| Purpose                                            | Type        | Agencies                | Timeline/Frequency <sup>1</sup> |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Fisheries monitoring                               | Interagency | BOEM, NMFS, VMRC, VDWWR | As needed                       |
| Coastal Zone Management Act<br>Federal Consistency | Interagency | BOEM, VDEQ              | As needed                       |

## 6 PROCEDURE FOR NON-PARTICIPATION

As outlined in Section 3.1.2.3 of the Lease, if an agency notifies Dominion Energy in writing that they do not wish to participate in the ACP, Dominion Energy will not include the agency in future ACP outreach and would document the change in the ACP. Dominion Energy would continue to engage with this agency to satisfy regulatory requirements, as needed. If an agency is unresponsive, Dominion Energy will continue to include that agency in ACP outreach until the agency responds in writing.

## 7 COORDINATED ENGAGEMENT

Per Section 3.1.3 of the Lease, Dominion Energy will coordinate engagement activities with Tribes and parties and other regional lessees, where applicable. Dominion Energy also holds the adjacent leases to the west, Leases OCS-A 0483 and OCS- A 0497, and OCS- A 0559 to the south. As the holder of these four lease areas, Dominion Energy will aim to coordinate engagement across the mid-Atlantic to maximize the use of agency personnel time and reduce the communication and consultation burden.