



## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Ocean Energy Management**

**[Docket No. BOEM-2025-0351]**

#### **Commercial Leasing for Outer Continental Shelf Minerals Offshore the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands – Request for Information and Interest; Extension of Comment Period and Technical Correction.**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Request for information and interest; extension of the comment period and technical correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announces a 30-day extension of the comment period for the request for information and interest (RFI) for leasing of the Outer Continental Shelf minerals in and around an area offshore the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), referred to as the RFI Area. BOEM also provides a technical correction in the description of the RFI Area.

**DATES:** BOEM published the RFI on November 12, 2025, and opened a public comment period through December 12, 2025. BOEM is extending this public comment period to January 12, 2026. BOEM must receive all comments, information, and indications of interest in response to this RFI no later than January 12, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit indications of interest in commercial leasing electronically via email to [Pacific.Region@boem.gov](mailto:Pacific.Region@boem.gov) or by hard copy by mail to the following address: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Pacific Region, Office of Strategic Resources, 760 Paseo Camarillo (CM 102), Camarillo, California 93010. If you elect to mail a hard copy, also include an electronic copy on a portable storage device. Do not submit indications of interest via the Federal eRulemaking Portal.

Please submit all other comments and information as discussed in section 6 of the November 12, 2025, RFI entitled, “Types of Information and Comments Requested,” by either of the following two methods:

1. Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the search box at the top of the webpage, enter BOEM-2025-0351 and then click “search.” Follow the instructions to submit public comments and to view supporting and related materials.
2. By mail to the following address: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Pacific Region, Office of Strategic Resources, 760 Paseo Camarillo (CM 102), Camarillo, California 93010.

Treatment of confidential information is addressed in section 8 of the November 12, 2025, RFI entitled, “Protection of Privileged, Personal, or Confidential Information.” BOEM will post all comments received on [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) unless labeled as confidential and BOEM determines that an exemption from disclosure applies.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Miller, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Pacific Region, Office of Strategic Resources, 760 Paseo Camarillo (CM 102), Camarillo, California 93010, at [Pacific.Region@boem.gov](mailto:Pacific.Region@boem.gov) or (805) 384-6305.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Comments already submitted for the November 12, 2025, RFI do not need to be resubmitted. Please refer to the RFI published in the *Federal Register* (90 FR 50872) on November 12, 2025, for more information.

**Technical Correction:**

In section 5 of the November 12, 2025, RFI entitled, “Description of the RFI Area”, the sentence, “The RFI Area is located west of the Mariana Trench National Monument along the eastern edge of the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (Northern Mariana Islands)” is incorrect. The sentence should read as “The RFI Area is located east of the Mariana

Trench National Monument along the eastern edge of the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (Northern Mariana Islands)” as reflected in Figure 1 of the RFI.

**AUTHORITY:** 43 U.S.C. 1337(k)(1) and 30 CFR 581.12.

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