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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Reevaluate Atlantic Shores South Permit

Review could result in modification, suspension, or revocation of permit.

LONG BEACH ISLAND, NJ, November 17, 2026 — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Philadelphia District has informed Save Long Beach Island, Inc. (Save LBI) that it will formally reevaluate the Department of the Army permit issued for the Atlantic Shores South offshore wind project under 33 C.F.R. § 325.7(a).

The announcement follows Save LBI's September 2025 petition seeking suspension and revocation of the permit and its subsequent requests for agency action. The Corps cited the federal reconsideration of Atlantic Shores South's Construction and Operations Plan as a basis for reopening its review.

The Corps stated that it will evaluate the permittee's compliance, changed circumstances, the continuing adequacy of the permit conditions, significant objections not previously considered, changes in applicable law, and the public interest. It will then determine whether action to modify, suspend, or revoke the permit is warranted.

“This is an important and necessary step,” said Save LBI President and Ph.D. scientist Bob Stern. “Atlantic Shores’ principal federal approvals are undergoing reconsideration, and the Corps should independently determine whether allowing this permit to remain in effect serves the public interest. Save LBI maintains that the project fails the public interest review for numerous reasons, including its negative effects on marine mammals, recreational and commercial fishing, the regional economy and local tourism, national security, navigation and safety, human health, and the coastal environment.”

Stern, who in a former role managed National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) affairs for the U.S. Department of Energy, added “It is constructive when a federal agency like the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers undertakes a review like this, and the ability for any federal Agency to do so should not be restricted as it will in the current bill before the full Senate titled the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act (BAAJA)”.

The permit has not yet been suspended or revoked. “This marks the third federal agency reconsideration affecting a major Atlantic Shores South authorization following challenges brought by Save LBI,” said Thomas Stavola Jr., Esq., counsel for Save LBI. Save LBI will continue participating in the Corps’ reevaluation and advocating for protection of the environment.

About Save LBI and Save LBI Advocacy

Save Long Beach Island, Inc. is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to protecting the marine environment, coastal ecosystems, and quality of life for residents and visitors of Long Beach Island and the surrounding region. The organization advocates for science-based, balanced policies that safeguard wildlife, preserve local economies, and promote responsible stewardship of ocean resources. Save LBI Advocacy is a sister organization with the same objectives but organized to comment upon and hopefully influence emerging legislation.

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