

Subject: Offshore-wind update: wins, setbacks — and why we must press the Administration for follow-through

Dear Save LBI supporters,

Over the last six months we've scored important victories against the Atlantic Shores offshore-wind project, yet federal agencies still haven't acted on many of the President's own directives. Below is a quick recap of what's **happening**, what's **not happening**, and how Save LBI is responding.

1. Recent wins you helped secure

- **EPA permit remanded.** Our detailed comments on the air quality modeling were instrumental in getting EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin to send the project's offshore Clean Air Act permit back for review — the *first* time an offshore-wind approval has been reversed.
- **Major investors pull out.** Shell New Energy wrote off \$1 billion and exited; Électricité de France wrote down \$940 million, but says it is still committed to the project.
- **NJ ends extra subsidies.** The BPU cancelled its subsidy to the project, citing investor exits and federal uncertainty.
- **Executive actions signaled pause.** The President's 20 Jan. Wind Directive ordered a "temporary cessation" of leasing/permitting and reviews of past practices, but that cessation appears to have ended with no reviews available. His 7 July order seeks to crack down on back-door tax-credit maneuvers, but is constrained by current lax IRS rules.

2. Troubling signs

- **No agency follow-through.** Despite the directives, Interior and Commerce have *not* answered any of our five formal petitions and letters asking for concrete action since Nov 2024.
- **Empire Wind green-lighted.** While talking tough on turbines, the President still allowed Empire Wind off Long Branch, NJ to proceed.
- **Atlantic Shores still "ready to deliver."** Both the BPU and the developer publicly reaffirm their commitment to NJ offshore wind.

3. What Save LBI is doing

We will keep the pressure on by:

1. **Litigation.** Advancing three lawsuits (Atlantic Shores South and Empire Wind in federal court, Atlantic Shores airborne-noise in State court).
2. **Agency action.** Filed to rescind permits, create a turbine-free migration corridor for the right whale, and cancel leases, tracking the remanded air permit, and pushing Interior & Commerce for overdue answers.

3. Public outreach.

- Publishing new *Benefits & Risks* factsheets on our website;
 - Highlighting the high consumer electric costs of offshore wind
 - Engaging large environmental groups on smarter paths to greenhouse gas reduction.
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Why this matters now

Many of our supporters assumed the new Administration's rhetoric meant real change. The reality: **words haven't yet turned into action.** We need to stay vigilant and vocal so federal agencies finish the job.

How you can help today

- **Stay informed & share** this update with friends and neighbors.
- **Contact** your representatives: urge Interior and Commerce to act on the President's own Wind Directive reviews.
- **Donate** so we can keep funding expert testimony, legal actions, and public education.

Together we can ensure Long Beach Island's coastal environment and national security are protected from poorly conceived offshore-wind projects.

Thank you for standing with us,

— *The Save LBI Team*