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Proposed New Jersey Wind Farm Draft Impact Statement Released

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A draft environmental impact statement for what could be New Jersey's first offshore wind farm has been released by the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

The proposed Ocean Wind 1 would be a 1,100-megawatt operation estimated to yield \$1.17 billion in economic benefits for the state. The new draft development is the "culmination of extensive technical evaluations and multi-agency coordination over the last year," the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection said in a Monday release.

"The multi-faceted impact of Ocean Wind 1 cannot be overstated," New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy (D) said in the release. "In addition to spurring economic growth and generating new jobs, the project will help us accomplish significant GHG reductions, upon which the future of our state depends."

1. Danish multinational energy company Ørsted is leading the project , in partnership with PSEG Inc.
2. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management will open the draft to public comment from June 24 to Aug. 8.
3. The state's environmental agency said it will analyze potential impacts to natural, historic, and cultural resources and cooperate with the bureau.
4. BOEM plans to release its final environmental impact statement in March 2023, and a final decision by April 2023.

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