

INFORMATION SESSION FOR TRIBAL NATIONS

BSEE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN



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Promoting Safety, Protecting the Environment and Conserving Offshore Resources

AGENDA

Meeting Logistics

Director's Remarks

**BSEE EJ Strategy & Action
Plan**

Discussion



WELCOME

DIRECTOR SLIGH OPENING REMARKS



BSEE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (EJ) STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN

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BSEE EJ STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN

Environmental Justice

The **just treatment and meaningful involvement of all people**, regardless of income, race, color, national origin, Tribal affiliation, or disability, **in agency decision-making and other Federal activities that affect human health and the environment** so that people:

- (i) are fully protected from disproportionate and adverse human health and environmental effects (including risks) and hazards, including those related to climate change, the cumulative impacts of environmental and other burdens, and the legacy of racism or other structural or systemic barriers; and
- (ii) have equitable access to a healthy, sustainable, and resilient environment in which to live, play, work, learn, grow, worship, and engage in cultural and subsistence practices.



BSEE EJ STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN

BSEE is in the process of developing an EJ strategy and action plan that integrates environmental justice considerations into bureau decision-making and other activities.

The effort is guided by various executive orders, Department of the Interior (DOI) policy, and other related initiatives, including

- [Executive Order 12898](#) – Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations
- [Executive Order 13985](#) – Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government
- [Executive Order 14008](#) – Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad
- [Executive Order 14096](#) – Revitalizing Our Nation’s Commitment to Environmental Justice for All
- [2023 Ocean Climate Action Plan \(OCAP\)](#), Ocean Justice Strategy, and National Strategy for a Sustainable Ocean Economy
- [DOI 2022 – 2026 Strategic Plan](#) and previous DOI EJ strategic plans
- [DOI EJ Implementation Policy, 525 DM 1](#)
- [DOI EJ Strategic Plan](#)
- [BSEE 2023 -2026 Strategic Plan](#)



A vibrant underwater scene featuring a large school of small, silvery fish swimming in clear blue water. Several larger, more colorful fish are also visible, swimming over a coral reef at the bottom of the frame. The overall atmosphere is bright and serene.

BSEE EJ STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN

Purpose

- To help BSEE integrate environmental justice into its policies and actions.

Desired Outcomes

- Supports the DOI EJ Strategic Plan
- Integrates feedback from Tribal Nations
- Minimizes duplication and promotes consistency with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management policies and actions
- Falls within BSEE legal authorities and responsibilities

BSEE EJ STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN

Proposed Goals

Institutionalize Environmental Justice

Cultivate bureau environmental justice competency and incorporate environmental justice considerations into bureau actions.

Deliver Equity through Investments

Advance equitable access to federal procurement opportunities, resources, and other qualitative benefits.

Reduce Burdens and Harms

Enhance compliance and enforcement actions to reduce impacts on communities with environmental justice concerns.

Advance Meaningful Outreach and Engagement

Foster opportunities for communities to participate as informed partners in bureau actions that are important to their wellbeing.



FEEDBACK ON STRATEGIC GOAL 1

Institutionalizing Environmental Justice:

Cultivate bureau environmental justice competency and incorporate environmental justice considerations into bureau actions.



FEEDBACK ON STRATEGIC GOAL 2

Deliver Equity through Investments:

Advance equitable access to federal procurement opportunities, resources, and other qualitative benefits.



FEEDBACK ON STRATEGIC GOAL 3

Reduce Burdens and Harms: Enhance compliance and enforcement actions to reduce impacts on communities with environmental justice concerns.



FEEDBACK ON STRATEGIC GOAL 4

Advance Meaningful Outreach and Engagement: Foster opportunities for communities to participate as informed partners in bureau actions that are important to their wellbeing.



CLOSING COMMENTS

Next Steps:

- *Written comments requested by 11/17*
- *Comments will be accepted at any point going forward*
- *A draft BSEE EJ action plan will be provided for your review in early 2024*



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