



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20240-0001

Mark Normann
Vineyard Wind 1 LLC
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Dear Mr. Normann,

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) is issuing this Suspension Order to Vineyard Wind 1 LLC (Vineyard Wind 1) (Company Number: 15097) due to the blade failure of wind turbine generator AW-38.

This Suspension Order is issued pursuant to 30 CFR 285.417 and 30 CFR 285.102. BSEE is authorized under 30 CFR 285.417 to issue a Suspension Order if it determines continued activities pose an imminent threat of serious or irreparable harm or damage to natural resources; life (including human and wildlife); property; the marine, coastal, or human environment; or sites, structures, or objects of historical or archaeological significance.

BSEE is responsible under 30 CFR 285.102 for ensuring that all authorized activities are carried out in a manner that provides for safety and protection of the environment, among other requirements. You are responsible for complying with all regulatory requirements, including the requirement to “conduct all activities in a manner that ensures safety and will not cause undue harm to natural resources” and to comply with the “terms, conditions, and provisions of all . . . plans, revisions, and other approvals, as provided in this part and in 30 CFR parts 585 and 586.” 30 CFR 285.105.

Suspension Order

BSEE orders Vineyard Wind 1 to suspend power production from all wind turbine generators on lease OCS-A-0501 until it can be determined whether the root cause of the blade failure of wind turbine generator AW-38 effects any turbines installed or to be installed on the lease.

1. Pursuant 30 CFR 285.815
 - a. Vineyard Wind 1 must perform a root cause analysis to determine the cause of the blade failure.
 - b. Vineyard Wind 1 must provide a copy of the root cause analysis to BSEE as soon as it is available.
2. Vineyard Wind 1 must keep one contracted vessel on the lease area to maintain the safety exclusion zone around AW-38 until the dropped objects hazard is eliminated. In the event of severe weather, the contracted vessel is allowed to depart the area for safety reasons but must return as soon as it is practicable to do so.



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While this Suspension Order is in effect Vineyard Wind 1 may continue:

1. To perform construction and installation activities of AW-24.
2. Any surveys or studies outside of the safety exclusion zone of AW-38.
3. To install inter array cables outside of the safety exclusion zone of AW-38.

Appeal Rights

Pursuant to 30 CFR 285.118, you may appeal this determination. If you elect to appeal under 30 CFR 290.4, a Notice of Appeal must be filed with this office and served on the Associate Solicitor, Division of Mineral Resources, within 60 days of receipt of this letter (see 43 CFR 4.413). If you file an appeal, please send a courtesy copy of the Notice of Appeal via e-mail to the contact e-mail address provided below. During the 60-day appeal period, you may request informal resolution with the issuing officer's next level supervisor pursuant to 30 CFR 290.6. You may submit an informal resolution request through the BSEE Technical Information Management System (<https://timsweb.bsee.gov>). If you are adversely affected by the outcome of informal resolution, you will have 60 days from receipt of that decision to appeal pursuant to 30 CFR 290.4.

If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Fraser at (912) 503-1444 or by email at Jonathan.fraser@bsee.gov

Sincerely,

Cheri Hunter
Director, Renewable Energy Operations