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Monday, April 29
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About the Presentation

Offshore energy is increasingly becoming a significant part of the U.S. energy mix. Oil production in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), managed by the federal government, now accounts for roughly one-fourth of the annual U.S. domestic supply. Moreover, significant interest has emerged for harnessing offshore wind resource along the East Coast, wave energy off the West Coast and the Pacific islands, and ocean currents off Florida.

The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct) assign the responsibility for managing offshore energy resources to the U.S. Department of Interior, within which the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is charged with leasing submerged lands in the OCS. This presentation will provide an overview of the leasing and regulatory frameworks for offshore oil and gas, as well as renewable energy resources. In addition, the presenter will discuss the new National Ocean Policy initiative and its linkages with offshore energy regulation.

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