

February 23, 2024

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Land Use Regulation Attn: Application Support 501 East State Street Station Plaza 5, 2nd Floor Trenton, New Jersey 08609

RE: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Waterfront Development Individual Permit – Application
Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind – Monmouth Export Cable Corridor Geotechnical Investigation Project

Dear Application Support:

Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC ("Atlantic Shores"), a 50/50 joint venture (JV) between EDF-RE Offshore Development, LLC (an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of EDF Renewables, Inc.; referred to herein as "EDF Offshore") and Shell New Energies US LLC ("Shell New Energies"), is proposing to evaluate the substrate at five (5) sampling locations within the Geotech Area in the Atlantic Ocean in New Jersey State waters off the coast of the Borough of Sea Girt and Borough of Manasquan, Monmouth County, New Jersey.

On behalf of Atlantic Shores, Environmental Design & Research (EDR) respectfully submits this permit application for a Waterfront Development Individual Permit for up to five boring sample locations with a maximum 6-inch radius. All sampling locations will be collected by drilling vertically from a barge using a combination of hollow stem auger and mud rotary soil drilling techniques. The soil sampling (boring) locations, which will be drilled to a depth of 150 feet, will obtain approximately 30 samples per location. Approximately 150 samples will be obtained in total from the five (5) sampling locations.

This application includes the following documents:

- 1. Completed and signed Land Use Regulation Application form.
- 2. Compliance statement demonstrating policies in N.J.A.C. 7:7-6.23(a) 1 through 6, N.J.A.C. 7:7-9.2, N.J.A.C., 7:7-9.3, N.J.A.C. 7:7-9.5, N.J.A.C. 7:7-9.7, N.J.A.C. 7:7-9.12, and N.J.A.C. 7:7-9.36 are satisfied.
- 3. Property Owner Certification Form.
- 4. Public Notice Form.
- 5. Proof of Public Notification.
 - a. Newspaper ad.
 - b. Local government officials' notification.

- c. Municipal Clerk notification of application copy.
- 6. Site plans/reference mapping and figures.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 833.337.0010 ex. 427 or smcburney@edrdpc.com.

Sincerely,

Scott McBurney, PWS

Senior Project Manager

Cc: Jennifer Daniels (Atlantic Shores)

Stephanie Wilson (Atlantic Shores)

Megan Hayes (Atlantic Shores)



State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Division of Land Resource Protection

Application Form for Permit(s)/Authorization(s)

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Trenton, NJ 08625-0420



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PΙ	ease print legibly o	or type the following: Complete all sections and pages unless otherwise	noted.
	Initial Application	Response to DLUR Deficiency $\ \square$ Extension / Modification $\ \square$	Is this project a NJDOT Priority 2 Repair Project? Yes □ No ≡
1.	Applicant Name:	Jennifer Daniels, Development Director, Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC Mr./Ms./Mrs.	E-Mail: Jennifer.Daniels@atlanticshoreswind.com
	Address:	1 Dock 72, Floor 7	Daytime Phone: (781) 964-4293Ext
	City/State:	Brooklyn, NY	Zip Code_11205Cell Phone:
2.	Agent Name:	Mr./Ms./Mrs. Scott McBurney	
	Firm Name:	Environmental Design & Research D.P.C.	E-Mail: smcburney@edrdpc.com
	Address:	34 Northeast Drive, Suite 1B	Daytime Phone: (267) 476-9500 Ext.
	City/State:	Hershey, PA	Zip Code 17033 Cell Phone: (267) 476-9500
3.	Property Owner:	Mr./Ms./Mrs	E-mail:
	Address:		Daytime Phone:Ext
	City/State:		Zip CodeCell Phone:
4.	Project Name:	Monmouth Export Cable Corridor Geotechnical Investigation Project	Address/Location: N/A - Atlantic Ocean
	Municipality:	Sea Girt and Manasquan	County: Monmouth Zip Code 08760, 08736
	Block(s):	N/A - Atlantic Ocean	Lot(s): N/A - Atlantic Ocean
	N.A.D. 1983 State Plan	ne Coordinates (feet) E(x): N(y):	Not Longitude/Latitude
	Watershed:	Atlantic Coast (Whale Pond to Manasquan)	Subwatershed: Atlantic Coast (Shark River to Manasquan)
	Nearest Waterway:	Atlantic Ocean	
5.	Project Description:	The purpose of this investigation and Waterfront Development Individual	ual Permit application is to collect specific geotechnical information in the
		Geotech Area identified on the Site Plan (Figure 1) to determine the	substrate suitability to support trenching, export cable installation, and a
		horizontal directional drill (HDD) crossing from the Atlantic Ocean	to an upland location landward of the beach in Sea Girt, New Jersey.
	Provide if applicable:	Previous LUR File # (s):	Waiver request ID # (s):
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	Jennifer Daniel Signature of Applicant	\$	Signature of Applicant
	Developmer		
	Position/Title (If not ind 2/14/2024	ividual property owner)	Position/Title (If not individual property owner)
	Date		Date
		s, Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC	D'alla a
	Print Name		Print Name

A. PROPERTY OWNER'S CERTIFICATION

Professional License #

Date

I hereby certify that the undersigned is the **owner of the property** upon which the proposed work is to be done. This endorsement is certification that the owner/easement holder grants permission for the conduct of the proposed activity. In addition, written consent is hereby giver to allow access to the site by representatives or agents of the Department for the purpose of conducting a site inspection(s) or survey(s) of the property in question.

In addition, the undersigned property owner hereby certifies:

1. Whether any work is to be done within an easement?		Yes □ No ■
(If answer is "Yes" - Signature/title of resonsible party is required	d below)	
2. Whether any part of the entire project will be located within prop	perty belonging to the State of New Jersey?	Yes ■ No □
3. Whether any work is to be done on any property owned by any p	public agency that would be encumbered by Green Acres?	Yes □ No ■
4. Whether this project requires a Section 106 (National Register of	of Historic Places) Determination as part of a federal approval?	Yes □ No ■
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Jennifer Daniels		
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Date	Date	
Jennifer Daniels, Development Director, Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC		
Print Name/Title	Print Name/Title	
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B. APPLICANT'S AGENT		
I, the Applicant/Owner	and, co-Applicant/Ow	ner authorize to act as my
agent/representative in all matters pertaining to my application the following		
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Scott McBurney, PWS	Jennifer Daniels	
Name of Agent	Sig nature of Applicant /Owner	
Senior Project Manager/Wetland Service Leader Occupation/Profession of Agent	Signature of co-Applicant/Owner	
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AGENT'S CERTIFICATION:		
I agree to serve as agent for the above-referenced applicant:		
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Signature of Agent	Name of Firm	
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C. STATEMENT OF PREPARER OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS,	D. STATEMENT OF PREPARER OF APPLICATION, R	REPORTS AND/OR
SURVEYOR'S OR ENGINEER'S REPORT	SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (other than engineer	ing)
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attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals	and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals	
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-	Scott McBurney, PWS	
Print Name	Print Name	
	Senior Project Manager, EDR	
Position & Name of Firm	Position & Name of Firm	
	N/A	

Professional License #

Date



Effective October 5, 2021, applications for most land use authorizations and permits <u>must</u> be submitted electronically through <u>NJDEP</u>
<u>Online</u>. Such applications include general permits, individual permits, water quality certificates, freshwater wetland transition area waivers, and associated flood hazard area verifications. Paper applications will **NOT** be accepted for the aforementioned types of authorizations and permits.

Paper applications **will be** accepted for Letters of Interpretations, modifications to existing permits/authorizations, extension requests for existing permits/authorizations, applicability determinations, Highlands Area applications, stand-alone Flood Hazard Verifications, and consistency determinations. If an application type is not listed on this form and you are unsure if a paper application is acceptable please contact the Division at https://www.nj.gov/dep/landuse/contact.html. For more information, please visit https://www.nj.gov/dep/landuse/contact.html.

FEE CALCULATION TIPS:

- Whenever the calculation requires an acreage figure (including the Stormwater calculations), you will need to round UP to the nearest whole number, for
 example: 0.25 acres gets rounded up to one (1) acre or 2.61 acres gets rounded up to three (3) acres.
- The stormwater review fee is applied only one time per project, maximum of \$20,000, regardless of multiple applications.

APPLICATION(S) FOR: Please check each permit/authorization that you are applying for and fill in the calculated fee (for each) in the "Fee Paid" column

Coastal Applications	Fee Amount	Fee Paid
Modification of a Coastal GP	\$500	
Minor Technical Modification of a Coastal Wetland Permit	\$500 x# of items to be revised	
Minor Technical Modification of a CAFRA IP	\$500 x# of items to be revised	
Minor Technical Modification of a Waterfront IP	\$500 x# of items to be revised	
Major Technical Modification of a Coastal Wetland Permit	0.30 xoriginal fee = Fee (Minimum \$500)	
Major Technical Modification of a CAFRA IP	0.30 xoriginal fee = Fee (Minimum \$500)	
Major Technical Modification of a Waterfront IP	0.30 xoriginal fee = Fee (Minimum \$500)	
Zane Letter (Waterfront Development Exemption)	\$500	
CAFRA Exemption Request	\$500	
CZM General Permit Extension	\$240 x# of GPs to be extended	
Waterfront Development Individual Permit – Extension (Waterward of MHWL)	0.25 xoriginal fee = Fee (Maximum \$3,000)	
Meadowlands District Water Quality Certificate	\$5,000 + (\$2,500 x # acres regulated area disturbed)	
Individual Permit Equivalency/CERCLA	No Fee	

Consistency Determination	Fee Amount	Fee Paid
Water Quality Certificate	\$5,000 + (\$2,500 x	
(NOTE: No fee required under the coastal program when reviewed in conjunction with a WFD permit))	# acres regulated area disturbed)	
Federal Consistency	No Fee	

Applicability Determinations	Fee Amount	Fee Paid
Coastal Applicability Determination	No Fee	No Fee
Flood Hazard Applicability Determination	No Fee	No Fee
Highlands Jurisdictional Determination	No Fee	No Fee
Executive Order 215	No Fee	No Fee

Letter of Interpretation	Fee Amount	Fee Paid
LOI Presence Absence	\$1,000.00	
LOI Footprint of Disturbance (3 Maximum)	\$1,000.00 each	
LOI Delineation < 1.00 Acres	\$1,000.00	
LOI Verification	\$1,000 + (\$100 x# of acres of the site)	
LOI Partial Site Verification	\$1,000 + (\$100 x# of acres of the site subject to LOI)	
LOI Extension Presence/Absence, Footprint, Delineation < 1 acre (Re- Issuance)	\$500	
LOI Extension Line Verification (Re- Issuance)	0.50 xoriginal fee (Minimum \$500)	

Freshwater Wetlands	Fee Amount	Fee Paid
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FWGP Administrative Modification	No fee	
FWGP Minor technical modification	\$500.00	
FWGP Major technical modification	\$500.00	
Individual Permit Administrative Modification	No Fee	
Individual Permit Minor Technical Modification	\$500.00	
Individual Permit Major Technical Modification	0.30 xoriginal fee (Minimum \$500)	
TAW Administrative Modification	No Fee	
TAW Minor Technical Modification	\$500.00	
TAW Major Technical Modification	0.30 x original fee (Minimum \$500)	
FWGP Extension	\$500 x# of items to be extended	
Individual Permit/Open Water Permit Extension	0.30 xoriginal fee (Minimum \$500)	
TAW Extension	\$500 x# of items to be extended	
Freshwater Wetlands Exemption	\$500.00	
TAW Exemption	\$500.00	
Permit Equivalency/CERCLA	No Fee	

APPLICATION(S) FOR: Please check each permit/authorization that you are applying for and fill in the calculated fee (for each) in the "Fee Paid" column

Flood Hazard Area Authorizations	Fee Amount	Fee Paid
FHA GP Administrative Modification	No Fee	No Fee
FHA GP Minor technical modification	\$500 x# of project elements to be revised	
FHA GP Major technical modification	0.30 xoriginal fee (Minimum \$500)	
FHA Individual Permit Administrative Modification	No Fee	No Fee
FHA Individual Permit Minor Technical Modification	\$500 x# of project elements to be revised	
FHA Individual Permit Major Technical Modification	0.30 xoriginal fee (Minimum \$500)	
FHA Verification Administrative Modification	No Fee	No Fee
FHA Verification Minor Technical Modification	\$500 x# of project elements to be revised	
FHA Verification Major Technical Modification	0.30 xoriginal fee (Minimum \$500)	
FHA GP Extension	\$240	
FHA Individual Permit Extension	0.25 xoriginal fee	
FHA Verification Extension of Methods 1, 2, 3, 5, or Riparian Zone Only	\$240	
FHA Verification Extension of Methods 4 or 6	0.25 xoriginal fee	
FHA Individual Permit Equivalency/CERCLA	No Fee	No Fee

NOTE: Flood Hazard verifications may be submitted via a paper application **ONLY** when not submitted in conjunction with any permit/authorization required to be submitted electronically.

Flood Hazard Area Verifications	Fee Amount	Fee Paid
Verification-Delineation of Riparian Zone Only	\$1,000	
Verification-Method 1 (DEP Delineation) *	\$1,000	
Verification-Method 2 (FEMA Tidal Method) *	\$1,000	
Verification-Method 3 (FEMA Fluvial Method) *	\$1,000	
Verification-Method 4 (FEMA Hydraulic Method)	\$4,000 + (\$400 x per 100 linear feet)	
Verification-Method 5 (Approximation Method)*	\$1,000	
Verification-Method 6 (Calculation Method)	\$4,000+(\$400 x per 100 linear feet)	

^{*}Fee not applicable to (1) SFH

	Stormwater Review Fee (Maximum Fee = \$20,000)	Fee Amount	Fee Paid
	Stormwater Review (Fee is calculated by adding the base fee to the specific elements below)	\$3,000 Base Fee	
	Review of Groundwater Calculations	+ \$250 x# acres disturbed	
Ī	Review of Runoff Quantity Calculations	+ \$250 x# acres disturbed	
	Review of Water Quality Calculations	+ \$250 x_ # acres impervious surface	
	Total	Stormwater Review Fee	

Highlands Authorizations*	Fee Amount	Fee Paid
Pre-application Meeting	\$500.00	
Resource Area Determination Boundary Delineation < one acre	\$500.00	
Resource Area Footprint of Disturbance	\$500 + (\$50 x# of acres of the site	
Resource Area Determination Verification (> one acre)	\$750 + (\$100 x # of acres of the site)	
Resource Area Determination Extension	0.25 xoriginal fee (Minimum \$250)	
Preservation Area Approval (PAA)		
PAA with Waiver (Specify type below)		
Waiver Type:		
HPAAGP 1/ Habitat Creation/Enhance	No Fee	No Fee
HPAAGP 2 Bank Stabilization	\$500	
HPAA Extension	\$1,000	

*Highlands Applicability Determinations (HAD Exemptions) use a different form available at www.ni.gov/dep/landuse/forms.html

TOTAL FEE:	
CHECK NUMBER:	

EXCAVATED

TEMPORARY DISTURBANCE

CLEARED

APPLICANT NAME:

Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC

FILE # (if known):

APPLICATION FORM - APPENDIX I

Section 1:	Please provide the following information for the overall project site. All area measurements shall be
	recorded in acres to the nearest thousandth (0.001 acres).

PROPOSED:	<u>Preserved</u>	<u>UNDISTURBED</u>	<u>DISTURBED</u>
RIPARIAN ZONE	N/A	N/A	N/A
CZMRA FORESTED (CZMRA IP – Only)	N/A	N/A	N/A
E & THABITAT Endangered and/or Threatened	N/A	N/A	N/A
FRESHWATER WETLANDS	N/A	N/A	N/A

Section 2: Please provide the following information for each permit/authorization requested pursuant to the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act. All area measurements shall be recorded in acres to the nearest thousandth (0.001 acres). Use additional sheets if necessary

PERMIT TYPE Wa	terfront Development IP	WETLAND TYPE Emergent, Forest, Shrub, Etc.	N/A	RESOURCE CLASSIFICA Ordinary, Intel Exceptional, E	rmediate,	Ocean
PROPOSED D)ISTURBANCE:	<u>WETLANDS</u>	<u>Transitioi</u>	<u>v Area</u>	<u>sow</u>	
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EXCAVATED		N/A	N/A	N/A		<u>А</u> А
CLEARED		N/A	N/A		N/A	
TEMPORARY	DISTURBANCE	N/A	N/A		0.01 acre	
Permit Type —		WETLAND TYPE Emergent, Forest, Shrub, Etc.		RESOURCE CLASSIFICA Ordinary, Inte Exceptional, E	rmediate,	
PROPOSED D)ISTURBANCE:	<u>WETLANDS</u>	<u>TRANSITIOI</u>	<u>v Area</u>	<u>SOW</u>	
FILLED						

Waterfront Development Individual Permit Application

Monmouth Export Cable Corridor Geotechnical Investigation

Project

Borough of Sea Girt and Borough of Manasquan, New Jersey

Prepared for:



Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC Dock 72 Brooklyn, NY 11205

Prepared by:



February 2024

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1.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC (Atlantic Shores), a 50/50 joint venture (JV) between EDF-RE Offshore Development, LLC (an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of EDF Renewables, Inc.; referred to herein as "EDF Offshore") and Shell New Energies US LLC ("Shell New Energies"), is proposing to evaluate the substrate at five (5) sampling locations within the Geotech Area in the Atlantic Ocean in New Jersey State waters off the coast of the Borough of Sea Girt and Borough of Manasquan, Monmouth County, New Jersey (the "Project"). New Jersey State Waters are defined as those waters extending out from the shore 3 nautical miles (nm). Sampling is anticipated to start on April 1, 2024, with an estimated completion date of September 30, 2024.

The boreholes for the five (5) sampling locations within the Geotech Area will be drilled vertically using a combination of hollow stem auger and mud rotary sediment drilling techniques and will be conducted from a 20 x 45-foot barge, which will be pushed into location by a boat with GPS on board to accurately identify the correct boring location. The barge will be anchored in place by two spuds, which are approximately 24inch in diameter and 38-feet in length and will be lowered approximately 2 to 4 feet into the mudline. The barge will remain in place until the boring and sampling have been completed and will then be advanced to the next sampling location. The use of spuds will allow the barge to move vertically with the tides. Each spud will be marked to track the vertical movement of the barge during sampling activities. The geotechnical rig will be track- or skid-mounted and utilized from the barge. In order to stabilize the boreholes, it is estimated that approximately 10 to 15 feet of hollow stem with a maximum 6-inch diameter and matching roller bit will be drilled first to provide surface casing. Casings will be advanced from the rig on the barge into the mudline. Borehole advancement below the hollow stem augers will utilize mud-rotary methods, with a borehole diameter of approximately 6-inches. Sediment sampling will be performed at 5-foot intervals using a combination of split-barrel Standard Penetration Test (SPT) sampling (ASTM D1586), 3inch diameter thin-wall tube sampling (ASTM D1587) and split-barrel samples with 2.5-inch liners (ASTM D3550). The approximate maximum target depth of each of the five (5) sediment borings is 150-feet.

Approximately 150 samples will be obtained in total from the five (5) sampling locations.

1.1 Project Purpose

Atlantic Shores has identified the potential export cable approach to a landfall in the Borough of Sea Girt, Monmouth County, New Jersey. The purpose of this investigation and authorization under a Waterfront Development Individual Permit (N.J.A.C. 7:7-2.4) is to collect specific geotechnical information to inform the necessary engineering assessments that will determine the substrate suitability for trenching, export cable installation, and a horizontal directional drill (HDD) crossing from the Atlantic Ocean to an upland location landward of the beach in the Borough of Sea Girt, New Jersey. The need for an individual waterfront development permit was determined to be required for this project due to the proximity of mapped occupied habitat for State-listed marine reptiles (i.e. Atlantic leatherback [Dermochelys coriacea]).

2.0 POTENTIAL IMPACTS

The direct temporary impact area will be limited to the radius and depth of the boreholes and barge anchoring spuds with limited indirect impacts occurring as a result of sediment suspension during boring activities and subsequent settling which is not anticipated to extend a significant distance from the sampling location. It is assumed that the natural sediment movement from tides and wind, and subsequent currents, will quickly fill the boring locations to natural grade.

3.0 GENERAL PERMIT 23 – GEOTECHNICAL SURVEY BORING (N.J.A.C. 7:7 6.23) COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS

Although this application is for a Waterfront Development Individual Permit because of the proximity of mapped occupied habitat for State-listed marine reptiles, the applicable policies under subchapter 6, which covers general permits is applicable to the proposed project which includes surveying activities. A demonstration of compliance with these policies are provided in this section.

"This general permit authorizes geotechnical survey borings including survey borings or excavations constructed for the purpose of obtaining information on subsurface conditions, for the purpose of determining the presence or extent of contamination in subsurface soils or groundwater, and for obtaining seismic information, provided the following conditions are met."

N.J.A.C. 7:7-6.23(a)(1)

"Borings and related site disturbance shall not be located in shellfish habitat (N.J.A.C. 7:7- 9.2), submerged vegetation habitat (N.J.A.C. 7:7-9.6) or endangered or threatened wildlife or plant species habitats (N.J.A.C. 7:7-9.36)".

Borings and related site disturbance could occur within proximity to surf clam habitat. Project activities will be located within the nearshore environment of the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of the Boroughs of Sea Girt and Manasquan. Project activities are not located within proximity to mapped soft and/or hard clam habitat.

Given preliminary screening, these activities are primarily not anticipated to occur within any endangered/threatened wildlife or plant species habitat. The United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) was consulted to determine federally endangered/threatened wildlife/plant species or their habitat that could potentially occur within the Project Area.

The USFWS documented three federal listed species within proximity to the Project Area:

- Red knot (Calidris canutus rufa)
- Piping plover (Charadrius melodus)
- Roseate Tern (Sterna dougallii dougallii)

These three species and their associated habitat occur onshore along beachfronts, dunes, and estuarine habitats (i.e., tidal flats); however, the proposed borings will occur within the Atlantic Ocean. Therefore, the proposed sampling will not have any impact on suitable habitat for any of the three species identified in the IPaC.

Additionally, the Marine Landscape Project on the NJDEP GeoWeb Mapper was consulted to determine state endangered/threatened wildlife/plant species or their habitat that could potentially occur within the Project Area.

NJDEP documented six state listed species within proximity to the Project Area:

- Osprey (Pandion haliaetus)
- Fin whale (Balaenoptera physalus)
- Humpback whale (Megaptera novaeangliae)
- North Atlantic right whale (Eubalaena glacialis)
- Atlantic leatherback (Dermochelys coriacea)
- Least Tern (Sternula antillarum)

The two bird species (osprey and least tern) and their associated habitat include riparian corridors, wetlands, and estuarine and inland open water; however, the proposed borings will occur within the Atlantic Ocean, which is not suitable habitat for either of the two bird species.

As for the Atlantic leatherback, the habitat of this species consists of open marine water with nesting habitat primarily located in tropical latitudes around the world (NOAA, 2023a). The habitat for the three whale species (Fin whale, Humpback whale, and North Atlantic right whale) consists of deep, offshore waters and waters along the continental shelf (NOAA, 2023b; NOAA, 2023c; NOAA, 2023d). While proposed project activities would occur within State-listed marine reptile and mammal habitat, activities would not result in direct, adverse impacts to these species and/or their associated habitat. As detailed in Section 2.0, the direct temporary impact area will be limited to the radius and depth of the boreholes with limited indirect impacts occurring as a result of sediment suspension during boring activities and subsequent settling which is not anticipated to extend a significant distance from the sampling location. It is assumed that the natural sediment movement from tides and wind, and subsequent currents, will quickly fill the boring locations to natural grade.

Furthermore, in order to minimize impacts to offshore listed species (i.e., sea turtles), with the main goal of avoidance, Atlantic Shores has developed BMPs such as: training personnel in marine mammal spotting and identification, observation reporting protocols and vessel strike avoidance procedures; establishing marine mammal protection zones which would include an exclusion zone; utilizing National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries-approved protected species observers (PSOs); and using

acoustic monitoring during periods of inclement weather and/or low visibility. Therefore, the proposed borings will not have any impact on suitable habitat for any of the four listed species identified in the Marine Landscape Project.

Atlantic Shores does not anticipate impacts to any federal or state-listed species. As a result, the Project is considered consistent with the applicable policies listed in N.J.A.C. 7:7-6.23(a)(1).

N.J.A.C. 7:7-6.23(a)(2)

"Borings and related site disturbance shall comply with wild and scenic river corridors, (N.J.A.C. 7:7-9.44), wetlands (N.J.A.C. 7:7-9.27), and wetlands buffers (N.J.A.C. 7:7- 9.28)".

The borings are proposed to occur in the Atlantic Ocean, which is considered New Jersey State waters and Waters of the United States. Borings will not occur in wild and scenic river corridors, wetlands, or wetland buffers. Therefore, this policy is not applicable to the Project.

N.J.A.C. 7:7-6.23(a)(3)

"Borings for remedial investigation shall be permitted, constructed, and completed in accordance with the Well Construction and Maintenance; Sealing of Abandoned Well rules, N.J.A.C. 7:9D, and N.J.A.C. 7:26E-1.5(b) and 4 of the Technical Requirements for Site Remediation."

The proposed borings are for geotechnical purposes only, not remedial investigations; Therefore, this policy is not applicable to the Project.

N.J.A.C. 7:7-6.23(a)(4)

"Disturbance shall be limited to that which is necessary to access and conduct the geotechnical borings".

i. "Disturbance to vegetation shall be limited to a maximum width of five feet for access".

The sediment boreholes for the Project will be advanced to a maximum of six (6) inches in (outer) diameter and up to 150 (45.7 m) deep. Direct disturbance will be limited to the diameter of the borings and barge anchoring spuds with negligible deposition occurring within a few feet of each sample location. No vegetation will be affected as a result of this investigation since it will occur entirely within Raritan Bay. Therefore, the Project is consistent with this policy.

N.J.A.C. 7:7-6.23(a)(5)

"Borings and related site disturbance shall not be conducted during the following time periods":

i. "During the migration of anadromous fish from April 1 thru June 30 (inclusive)";

The proposed locations of the borings are in the Atlantic Ocean. Borings will be temporary and will not cause significant sediment loading in waters within the immediate vicinity of the sampling location. Sampling at each of the five respective locations will be temporary and will cause sediment loading in waters within the immediate vicinity of the sampling location; however, the sample itself will be completed in

minutes to hours so this sediment loading will be temporary and brief. After the sample has been collected, any suspended sediment is expected to settle out of the water column quickly. It is not anticipated that this geotechnical investigation will have any impact on the migration of anadromous fish due to the limited nature of Project activities.

ii. "During the period from March 1 thru June 30 and from October 1 thru November 30 (inclusive), within and adjacent to waters on the Delaware River System from the mouth of bay to Delaware Memorial Bridge and tidal Maurice River, identified as American shad migratory pathways;"

The proposed location of the borings are not within or adjacent to waters on the Delaware River System from the mouth of bay to Delaware Bridge and tidal Maurice River; therefore, this timing restriction does not apply.

iii. "During the period from April 1 thru June 30 and from September 1 thru November 30 (inclusive), within and adjacent to waters on the Delaware River System from the Delaware Memorial Bridge to the New York State line and tidal portions of Rancocas and Raccoon Creeks, identified as American shad migratory pathways".

The proposed location of the boringsare not within or adjacent to waters of the Delaware River System from the Delaware Memorial Bridge to the New York State line and tidal portions of Rancocas and Raccoon Creeks; therefore, this timing restriction does not apply.

N.J.A.C. 7:7-6.23(a)(6)

"Bore holes shall be backfilled to the original surface level with appropriate, noncontaminated, soil material".

i. "Sand may not be used for backfilling in either freshwater or coastal wetlands. Restoration of all bore holes must maintain the hydrologic integrity of the wetlands. To avoid the potential for draining a wetland by puncturing a hard-pan or confining layer, all borings must be sealed with grout or bentonite in accordance with the Department's Water Monitoring Management Program rules, N.J.A.C. 7:9-6".

This investigation will be conducted in the Atlantic Ocean; however, there will be no back-filing in either freshwater or coastal wetlands nor will there be any impact to the hydrologic integrity of wetlands due to the location within the open water bay. Draining will not occur and it is assumed that the natural sediment movement from tides and currents will quickly fill the boring to existing grade. Therefore, the Project is consistent with this policy.

ii. "Water used to flush a boring may be discharged to the ground provided the boring is not conducted in proximity to a stream or in an area of hazardous waste or acid producing soils. When the boring is performed in proximity to a stream, and water or drilling fluid is used to remove soil from the hole, the sediment-laden water shall not be allowed to flow overland such that it would enter the stream. Soil erosion and sediment control measures shall be used as necessary to contain/filter excess water. Drilling fluid shall be contained when working adjacent to a fish-populated watercourse

during the relevant restricted period, and in any other situation where containment represents the only method of ensuring that there is no impact to adjacent streams".

Drilling fluid will consist of fresh water and a sodium bentonite viscosifier such as Baroid Quick-Gel® and Baroid Quick-Trol®. Tremie grout will be utilized to seal the borings from the bottom of the boring. A mud tub will be located on the barge deck to recirculate the drilling fluid. Excess mud and fluids will be placed in drums for off-site disposal, none will be discharged to the waters of Great Thorofare.

4.0 SUBCHAPTER 9 – SPECIAL AREAS (N.J.A.C. 7:7-9.0) COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS

The applicable policies under subchapter 9 (N.J.A.C. 7:7-9.0) and demonstration of compliance are provided in this section. Policies that do not apply to the proposed activities are not listed.

Shellfish Habitat (N.J.A.C. 7:7-9.2)

"Shellfish habitat is defined as an estuarine bay or river bottom which currently supports or has a history of production for hard clams (Mercenaria mercenaria), soft clams (Mya arenaria), eastern oysters (Crassostrea virginica), bay scallops (Argopecten irradians), or blue mussels (Mytilus edulis), or otherwise listed below in this section. A shellfish habitat area is defined as an area which meets one or more of the following criteria:

- 1. The area has a current shellfish density equal to or greater than 0.20 shellfish per square foot;
- 2. The area has a history of natural shellfish production according to data available to the New Jersey Bureau of Shellfisheries, or is depicted as having high or moderate commercial value in the Distribution of Shellfish Resources in Relation to the New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway (U.S. Department of the Interior, 1963) and/or "Inventory of New Jersey's Estuarine Shellfish Resources" (Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, Bureau of Shellfisheries, 1983-present);
- 3. The area is designated by the State of New Jersey as a shellfish culture area as authorized by N.J.S.A. 50:1 et seq. Shellfish culture areas include estuarine areas presently leased by the State for shellfish aquaculture activities or hard clam relay, transplant and transfer as well as those areas suitable for future shellfish aquaculture development; or
- 4. The area is designated as productive at N.J.A.C. 7:25-24, Leasing of Atlantic and Delaware Bay Bottom for Aquaculture.

Additionally, specific areas, such as but not limited to any area determined by the NJDEP to be contaminated by toxins, are excluded from the definition of shellfish habitat areas."

This policy limits disturbance of shellfish habitat and prohibits specific activities, such as the construction of docks, piers, or boat moorings. This policy generally prohibits new dredging within and adjacent to shellfish habitat. Maintenance dredging under this policy is conditionally allowed provided that the disturbance to shellfish habitat is minimized to the greatest extent possible.

While the proposed Project is located in an area classified as "prohibited" for shellfish harvesting by NJDEP (NJDEP, 2022), there are no publicly available maps that indicate there is mapped soft and/or hard clam habitat in the immediate area of the Atlantic Ocean. Therefore, the Project is consistent with this policy.

Surf Clam Areas (N.J.A.C. 7:7-9.3)

"Surf clams areas are coastal waters which can be demonstrated to support significant commercially harvestable quantities of surf clams (Spisula solidissima), or areas important for recruitment of surf clam stocks. This includes areas where fishing is prohibited for research sanctuary or conservation purposes by N.J.A.C. 7:25-12.1(d)(4). Surf clams are a marine fish and therefore are also subject to marine fish and fisheries rules, N.J.A.C. 7:7-16.2.

This policy prohibits development which would result in the destruction, condemnation, or contamination of surf clam areas, except for development that is of national interest and/or sand and gravel mining to obtain material for beach nourishment.

While Project activities could be located in surf clam areas within the Atlantic Ocean, the Project does not include development. There is potential for temporary, short-term impacts at each sampling location within the water column. These impacts will be temporary and will not cause significant sediment loading in waters within the immediate vicinity of the sampling location. Sampling at each of the five respective locations will be temporary and will cause sediment loading in waters within the immediate vicinity of the sampling location; however, the sample itself will be completed in minutes to hours so this sediment loading will be temporary and brief. After the sample has been collected, any suspended sediment is expected to settle out of the water column quickly. and will not cause significant sediment loading in waters within the immediate vicinity of the sampling location. Sampling at each of the five respective locations will be temporary and will cause sediment loading in waters within the immediate vicinity of the sampling location; however, the sample itself will be completed in minutes to hours so this sediment loading will be temporary and brief. After the sample has been collected, any suspended sediment is expected to settle out of the water column quickly. Therefore, the Project is consistent with this possible.

Finfish Migratory Pathways (N.J.A.C. 7:7-9.5)

"Finfish migratory pathways are waterways (rivers, streams, creeks, bays and inlets) which can be determined to serve as passageways for diadromous fish to or from seasonal spawning areas, including juvenile anadromous fish which migrate in autumn and those listed by H.E. Zich (1977) "New Jersey Anadromous Fish Inventory" NJDEP Miscellaneous Report No. 41, and including those portions of the Hudson and Delaware Rivers within the coastal zone boundary. Species of concern include: alewife or river herring (Alosa pseudoharengus), blueback herring (Alosa aestivalis), American shad (Alosa sapidissima), striped bass (Morone saxatilis), Atlantic sturgeon (Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus), Shortnose sturgeon (Acipenser brevirostrum) and American eel (Anguilla rostrata)."

This policy prohibits development, such as dams, dikes, spillways, channelization, tide gates and intake pipes, which creates a physical barrier to the movement of fish along finfish migratory pathways, unless

acceptable mitigation measures such as fish ladders, erosion control, or oxygenation are implemented. This policy also prohibits development which lowers water quality to such an extent as to interfere with the movement of fish along finfish migratory pathways or to violate State and Delaware River Basin Commission water quality standards. This policy requires mitigating measures for any development which would result in: lowering dissolved oxygen levels, releasing toxic chemicals, raising ambient water temperature, impinging or suffocating fish, entrainment of fish eggs, larvae or juveniles, causing siltation, or raising turbidity levels during migration periods.

While Project activities could be located in finfish migratory pathways, the Project does not include development. There is potential for temporary, short-term impacts at each sampling location within the water column. These impacts will be temporary and will not cause significant sediment loading in waters within the immediate vicinity of the sampling location. Sampling at each of the five respective locations will be temporary and will cause sediment loading in waters within the immediate vicinity of the sampling location; however, the sample itself will be completed in minutes to hours so this sediment loading will be temporary and brief. After the sample has been collected, any suspended sediment is expected to settle out of the water column quickly. and will not cause significant sediment loading in waters within the immediate vicinity of the sampling location. Sampling at each of the five respective locations will be temporary and will cause sediment loading in waters within the immediate vicinity of the sampling location; however, the sample itself will be completed in minutes to hours so this sediment loading will be temporary and brief. After the sample has been collected, any suspended sediment is expected to settle out of the water column quickly. Therefore, the Project is consistent with this possible.

Navigation Channels (N.J.A.C. 7:7-9.7)

"Navigation channels are tidal water areas including the Atlantic Ocean, inlets, bays, rivers and tidal guts with sufficient depth to provide safe navigation. Navigation channels include all areas between the top of the channel slopes on either side. These navigation channels are often marked with buoys or stakes. Major navigation channels are shown on NOAA/National Ocean Service Charts."

This policy requires development which would result in terrestrial soil and shoreline erosion and siltation in navigation channels to utilize appropriate mitigation measures. This policy prohibits development which would result in the loss of navigability or construction which extends into a navigation channel. Under this policy, the placement of structures within 50 feet of any authorized navigation channel requires demonstration that the proposed structure would not hinder navigation. This policy permits maintenance dredging, as defined in N.J.A.C. 7:7-12.6, of navigation channels to provide safe navigation provided the dredging activity meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:7-12.6 and Appendix G of N.J.A.C. 7:7. New dredging, as defined in N.J.A.C. 7:7-12.7, is conditionally permitted under this policy as long as the activity meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:7-12.7 and Appendix G of N.J.A.C. 7:7.

The proposed sampling will be located in the Atlantic Ocean, which is defined as a "navigation channel" in N.J.A.C. 7:7-9.7(a). However, sampling activities would not have adverse impacts to navigation due to the short duration and limited spatial extent of the proposed sampling. Therefore, the Project is consistent with this policy.

Submerged Infrastructure Routes (N.J.A.C. 7:7-9.12)

"A submerged infrastructure route is the corridor in which a pipe or cable runs on or below a submerged land surface."

This policy prohibits any activity which would result in the increased likelihood of infrastructure damage or breakage, or interference with maintenance operations. According to the NOAA Navigation Chart 12324 (NOAA, 2023e), the Project will be in proximity to an existing cable area located north of the Manasquan Inlet. Atlantic Shores has sited the proposed sampling locations to avoid any existing submerged infrastructure route. Project activities would not result in infrastructure damage or breakage, or interference with maintenance operations. Therefore, the Project is consistent with this policy.

Endangered or Threatened Wildlife or Plant Species Habitat (N.J.A.C. 7:7-9.36)

"Endangered or threatened wildlife or plant species habitats are terrestrial and aquatic (marine, estuarine, or freshwater) areas known to be inhabited on a seasonal or permanent basis by or to be critical at any stage in the life cycle of any wildlife or plant identified as "endangered" or "threatened" species on official Federal or State lists of endangered or threatened species, or under active consideration for State or Federal listing. The definition of endangered or threatened wildlife or plant species habitats includes a sufficient buffer area to ensure continued survival of the population of the species as well as areas that serve an essential role as corridors for movement of endangered or threatened wildlife. Absence of such a buffer area does not preclude an area from being endangered or threatened wildlife or plant species habitat."

This policy prohibits the development of endangered or threatened wildlife or plant species (henceforth known as "listed species" for this section) habitat unless it can be demonstrated, through a listed species impact assessment as described at N.J.A.C. 7:7-11, that listed species habitat would not directly or through secondary impacts on the relevant site or in the surrounding area be adversely affected.

As stated in Section 3.0 in the response to N.J.A.C. 7:7-6.23(a)(1), Project activities are primarily not anticipated to occur within any endangered/threatened wildlife or plant species habitat. The USFWS IPaC was consulted to determine federally endangered/threatened wildlife/plant species or their habitat that could potentially occur within the Project Area.

The USFWS documented three federal listed species within proximity to the Project Area:

- Red knot (Calidris canutus rufa)
- Piping plover (Charadrius melodus)
- Roseate Tern (Sterna dougallii dougallii)

These three species and their associated habitat occur onshore along beachfronts, dunes, and estuarine habitats (i.e., tidal flats); however, the proposed borings will occur within the Atlantic Ocean. Therefore, the proposed sampling will not have any impact on suitable habitat for any of the three species identified in the IPaC.

Additionally, the Marine Landscape Project on the NJDEP GeoWeb Mapper was consulted to determine state endangered/threatened wildlife/plant species or their habitat that could potentially occur within the Project Area.

NJDEP documented six state listed species within proximity to the Project Area:

- Osprey (Pandion haliaetus)
- Fin whale (Balaenoptera physalus)
- Humpback whale (Megaptera novaeangliae)
- North Atlantic right whale (Eubalaena glacialis)
- Atlantic leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*)
- Least Tern (Sternula antillarum)

The two bird species (osprey and least tern) and their associated habitat include riparian corridors, wetlands, and estuarine and inland open water; however, the proposed borings will occur within the Atlantic Ocean, which is not suitable habitat for either of the two bird species.

As for the Atlantic leatherback, the habitat of this species consists of open marine water with nesting habitat primarily located in tropical latitudes around the world (NOAA, 2023a). The habitat for the three whale species (Fin whale, Humpback whale, and North Atlantic right whale) consists of deep, offshore waters and waters along the continental shelf (NOAA, 2023b; NOAA, 2023c; NOAA, 2023d). While proposed project activities would occur within State-listed marine reptile and mammal habitat, activities would not result in direct, adverse impacts to these species and/or their associated habitat. As detailed in Section 2.0, the direct temporary impact area will be limited to the radius and depth of the boreholes with limited indirect impacts occurring as a result of sediment suspension during boring activities and subsequent settling which is not anticipated to extend a significant distance from the sampling location. It is assumed that the natural sediment movement from tides and wind, and subsequent currents, will quickly fill the boring locations to natural grade.

Furthermore, in order to minimize impacts to offshore listed species (i.e., sea turtles), with the main goal of avoidance, Atlantic Shores has developed BMPs such as: training personnel in marine mammal spotting and identification, observation reporting protocols and vessel strike avoidance procedures; establishing marine mammal protection zones which would include an exclusion zone; utilizing National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries-approved protected species observers (PSOs); and using acoustic monitoring during periods of inclement weather and/or low visibility. Therefore, the proposed borings will not have any impact on suitable habitat for any of the four listed species identified in the Marine Landscape Project.

Atlantic Shores does not anticipate impacts to any federal or state-listed species. Therefore, the Project is consistent with this policy.	5

5.0 SOURCES

ASTM D1586-11. Standard Test Method for Standard Penetration Test (SPT) and Split-Barrel Sampling of Soils.

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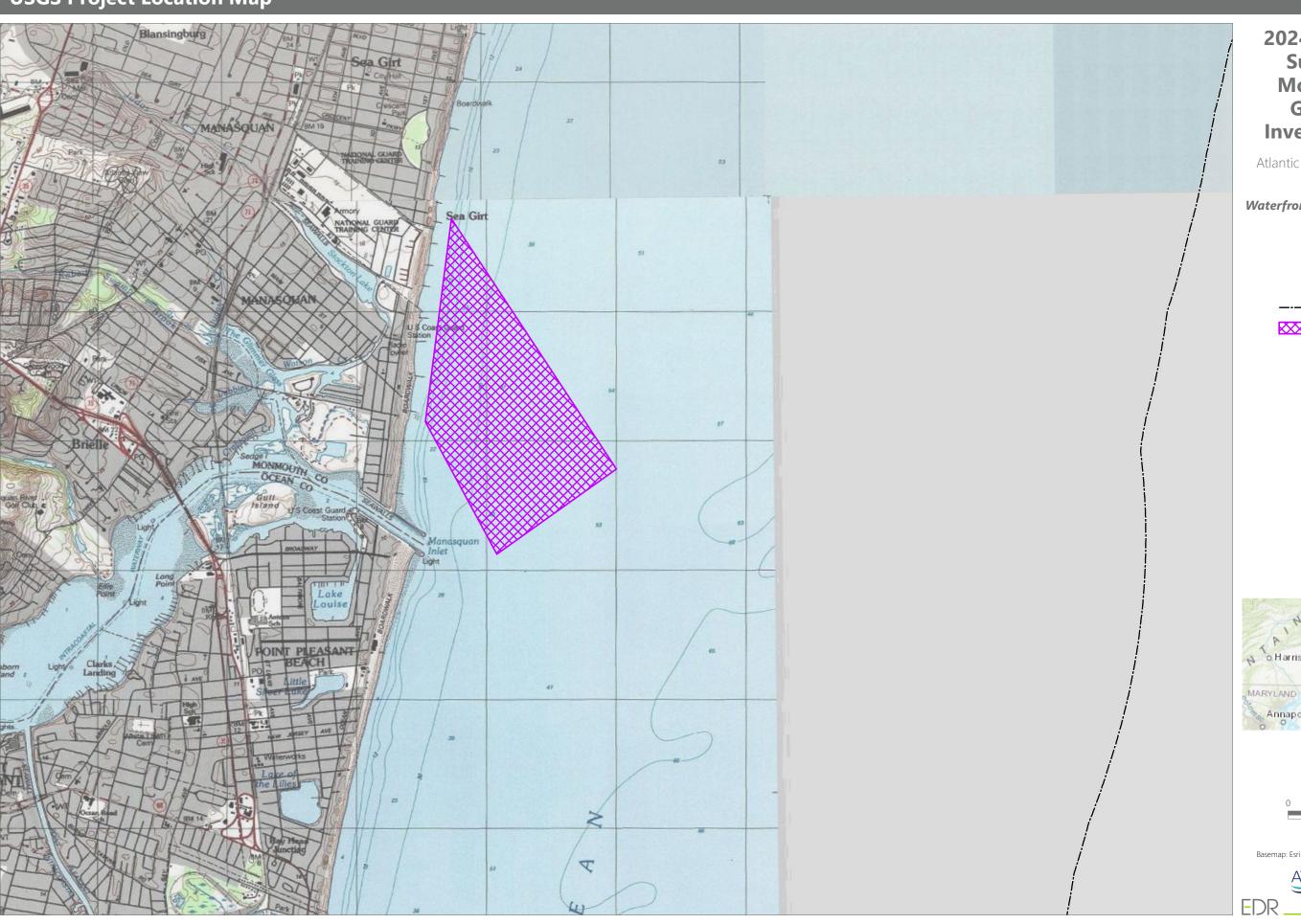
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APPENDIX A

Figures and Site Plan

USGS Project Location Map



2024 Geotechnical Survey Area – Monmouth ECC Geotechnical Investigation Area

Atlantic Ocean, New Jersey State Waters

Waterfront Development Individual Permit

--- Federal Waters Boundary

Geotech Area



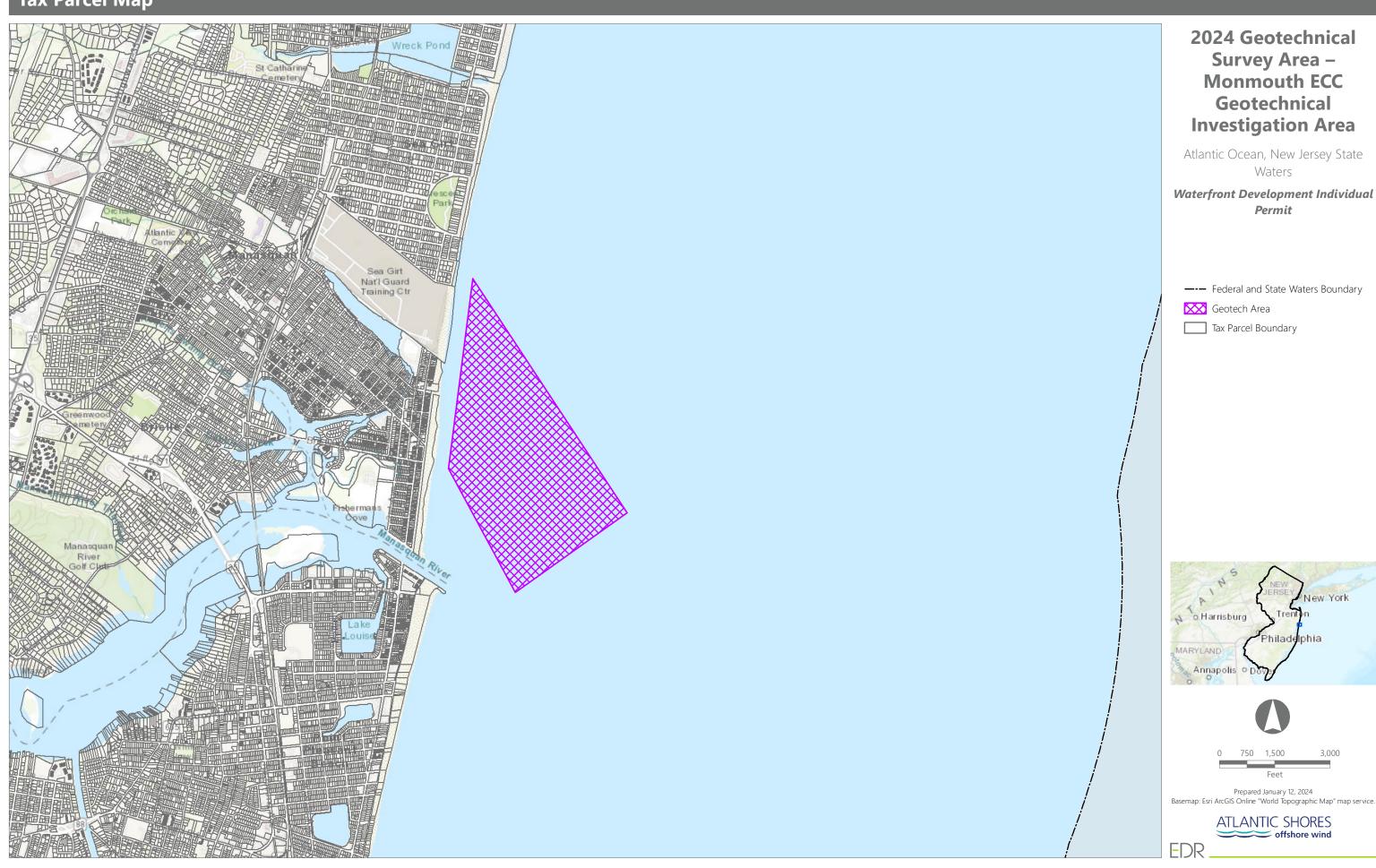


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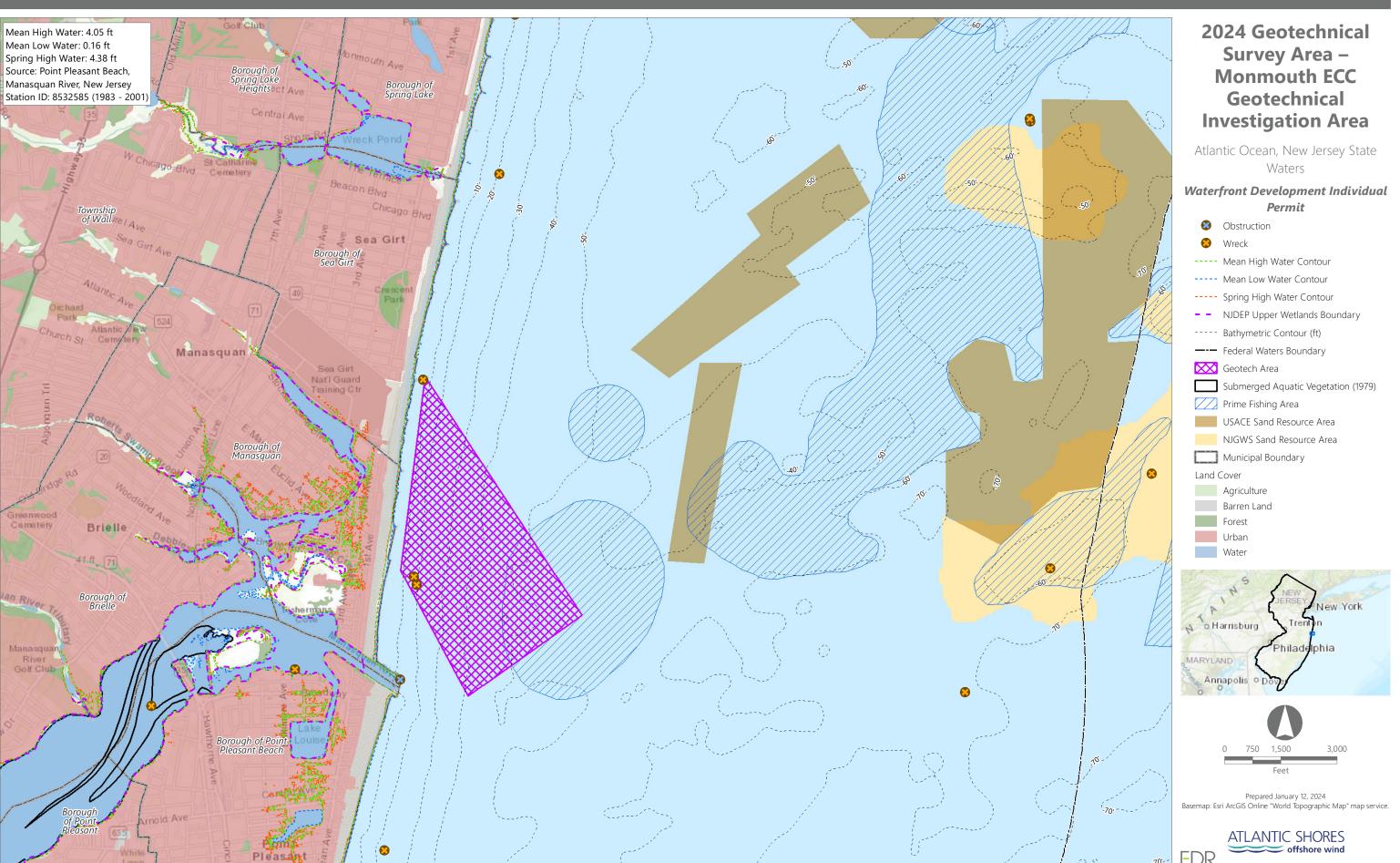
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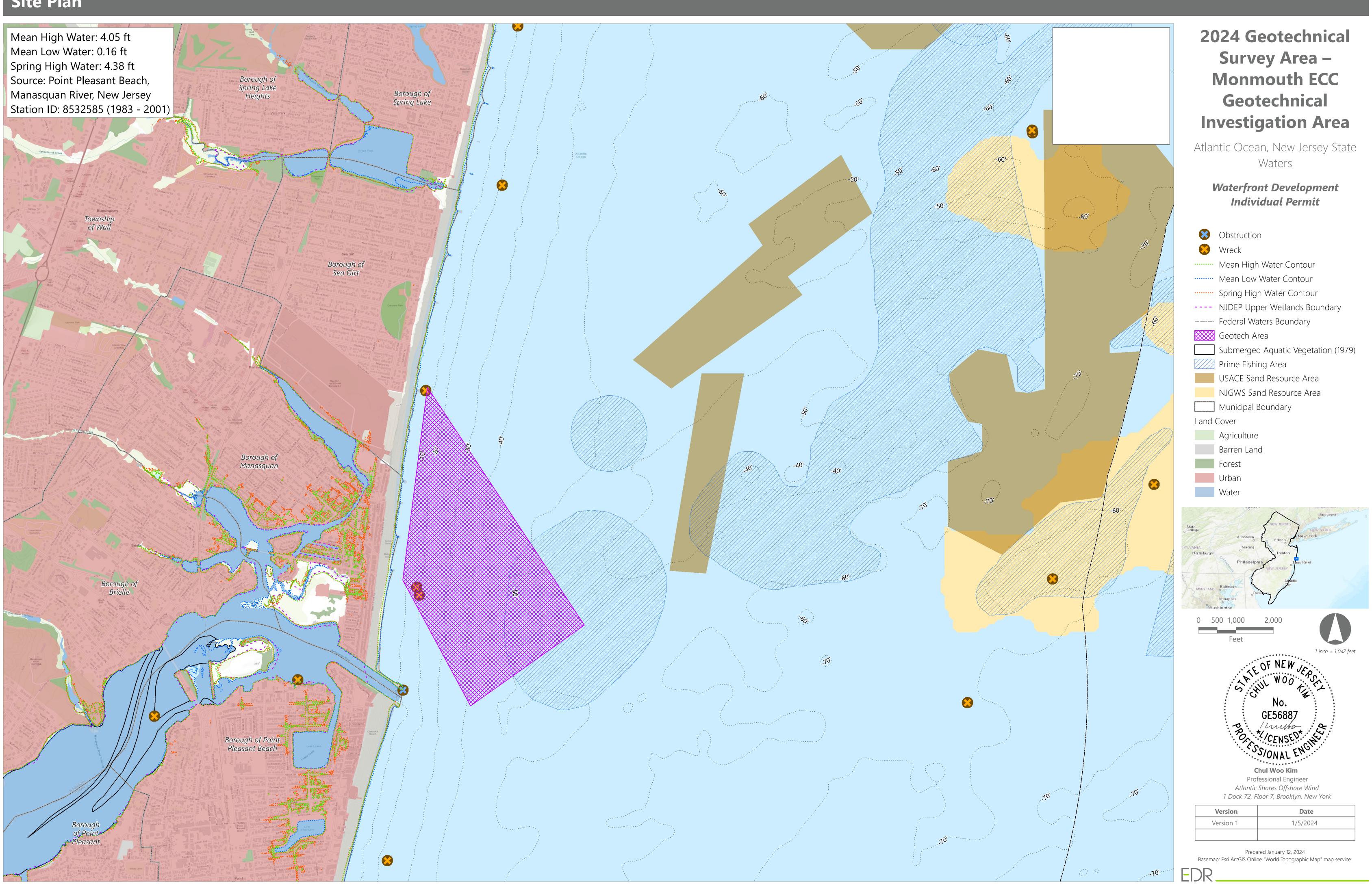
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Site Plan



Site Plan



APPENDIX B

Public Notice Form



New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Land Use Management Program Division of Land Use Regulation

PUBLIC NOTICE

	SECTION A. SITE INFORMATION			
Mι	Municipality:	County:	Zip Code:	
Blo	Blocks and Lots:			
SE	SECTION B. STANDARD NOTI	CE REQUIREMENTS		
		ow, public notice of the application shall be prov no later than the date the application is submit		s prior
1.	. Public notice is required for a	ill of the following (check all that apply):		
	A flood hazard area i A flood hazard area i A flood hazard area i A coastal general per A CAFRA individual p An in-water waterfror An upland waterfront A coastal wetlands in A freshwater wetland A freshwater wetland A freshwater wetland	verification rmit authorization permit nt development individual permit development individual permit dividual permit	permit 15)	
2.		ication been sent to the municipal clerk of each y or project is located?		☐ No
	which muspermit(s)/s	onic submissions, the application consists of a st include the lot and block, municipality, and c authorization(s) being sought, and all items tha on service, including all required items on the a s).	county, the specific at will be uploaded to the	
		copy of the certified United States Postal Servi eceipt, and a copy of any letter sent with the ap		☐ No
3.		uding a brief description of the proposed activing been sent to the all following applicable ager		□No
	The construction	official of each municipality in which the site is	located	
		al commission, or other government agency wi lity in which the site is located	ith similar responsibilities,	
	, ,	ard of each municipality in which the site is loca	ated	
	 The planning boa 	ard of each county in which the site is located		
	If " Yes ," did you attach <u>b</u> e	oth of the following to this form?	Yes	☐ No
	 A copy of the cer written receipt A copy of the not 	tified United States Postal Service white mailin	ng receipt or other	

4.	Is the application for a coastal permit for an activity within the 12-mile circle with Delaware, as described at N.J.A.C. 7:7-1.2(c), or within 200 feet of the 12-mile circle?	☐ No
	If " Yes ," have both a notice letter, including a brief description of the proposed activity or project, and a legible copy of the site plans been sent to the State of Delaware, Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control, Delaware Coastal Management Program, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901? ☐ Yes	□No
	If " Yes ," did you attach <u>both</u> of the following to this form?	☐ No
	 A copy of the certified United States Postal Service white mailing receipt or other written receipt 	
	A copy of the notice letter	
5.	Is the application for a waterfront development individual permit to install a submarine cable in the ocean or to perform sand mining in the ocean?	☐ No
	If " Yes ," have you submitted a description of the project, the specific permit(s)/authorization(s) being sought, and a copy of the NOAA nautical chart showing the proposed cable route or the limits of the proposed sand mining area to all of the following entities?	☐ No
	Garden State Seafood Association	
	National Fisheries Institute	
	North Atlantic Clam Association	
	Rutgers Cooperative Extension	
	 New Jersey Shellfisheries Council New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council 	
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о.	Does the application include a CAFRA individual permit?	∐ No
	If "No," skip to Question 7.	
	If "Yes," has newspaper notice, consisting of a legal notice or display advertisement, been published in the official newspaper of the municipality in which the site is located or a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality?	□No
	If " Yes ," did you attach a copy of the published newspaper notice, the date of publication, and the name of the newspaper to this form?	□No
	If "No," did you verify that a newspaper notice, consisting of a legal notice or display advertisement, will be published in the official newspaper of the municipality in which the site is located or a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality no more than 10 calendar days after the application is submitted to the Department?	□No
	Note: A copy of the published newspaper notice, the date of publication, and the name of the newspaper must be submitted to the Department within this timeframe.	
7.	Does the application include one or more of the activities listed below (other than those proposed in a freshwater wetlands individual permit application)?	□No
	A delineation of one-half mile or longer of a regulated water	
	 A mosquito control activity subject to flood hazard general permit 2 	
	A linear project of one-half mile or longer	
	 A shore protection development, including beach nourishment, beach and dune maintenance, or dune creation of one-half mile or longer 	
	 A public development on a site of 50 acres or more 	
	 An industrial or commercial development on a site of 100 acres or more 	
	 A project to remove sediment or debris from a channel of one-half mile or longer 	
	 Maintenance dredging of a State navigation channel of one-half mile or longer 	
	 A trail or boardwalk of one-half mile or longer subject to a freshwater wetlands general permit or transition area waiver 	

	If you a	ınswered "	'No," to question 7:	
		project, a	th a notice letter, including a brief description of the proposed activity or and a legible copy of the site plans been sent to all owners of real property, assements, located within 200 feet of the property boundary of the site?	□No
		If "Yes,"	did you attach <u>all</u> of the following to this form?	☐ No
			A copy of the certified United States Postal Service white mailing receipt or other written receipt	
		• /	A copy of the notice letter	
		2	A certified list of all owners of real property, including easements, within 200 feet of the property boundary, prepared by the municipality with a date of certification no earlier than one year prior to the date of the application	
	<u>If you a</u>	ınswered "	'Yes," to question 7, answer questions I. and II. below:	
	I.	and a leg	th a notice letter, including a brief description of the proposed activity or project, gible copy of the site plans been sent to all owners of property, including nts, within 200 feet of any proposed above-ground structure?	□No
		If "Yes,"	did you attach <u>all</u> of the following to this form?	☐ No
			A copy of the certified United States Postal Service white mailing receipt or other written receipt	
			A copy of the notice letter	
		2	A certified list of all owners of real property, including easements, within 200 feet of the property boundary, prepared by the municipality with a date of certification no earlier than one year prior to the date of the application	
	II.	consisting newspap	oplications, except CAFRA individual permits , has newspaper notice, by of a legal notice or display advertisement been published in the official per of the municipality in which the site is located or a newspaper of general on in the municipality?	□No
			did you attach a copy of the published newspaper notice, the date of publication, and the name of the newspaper to this form?	☐ No
8.	Will the pro	posed act	tivity or project disturb 5,000 square feet of land or more?	☐ No
	If "Yes		th a notice letter, including a brief description of the proposed activity or project, gible copy of the site plans been sent to the local Soil Conservation District?	☐ No
		If "Yes,"	did you attach a copy of the certified United States Postal Service white mailing receipt or other written receipt <u>and</u> a copy of the notice letter to this form?	□No
9.			ity or project located within the Pinelands Area as designated under the Act at N.J.S.A. 13:18A-11(a)?	☐ No
	If "Yes	s," you are	e also required to complete <u>Section D</u> of this form.	
10.	Does the a	pplication	include a freshwater wetlands individual permit application? Yes	☐ No
	lf "No,"	skip to Qเ	uestion 11.	
	If "Yes	," does the	e proposed project involve more than 10 acres of fill?	☐ No
		If "Yes,"	' has newspaper notice been published in a newspaper with regional circulation in the region in which the site is located? Yes	□No
			If "Yes," did you attach a copy of the published newspaper notice, the date of publication, and the name of the newspaper to this form?	□No
		If " No ,"	has newspaper notice consisting of a legal notice or display advertisement been published in the official newspaper of the municipality in which the site is located or a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality?	□No
			If "Yes," did you attach a copy of the published newspaper notice, the date of publication, and the name of the newspaper to this form?	☐ No

11.	Does the application include a flood hazard individual permit based on a hardship exception?	Yes	☐ No
	If "Yes," do all notice letters and published newspaper notices attached to this form (under questions 3, 4, 7, and 8 above, as applicable) include a description of the nature of the hardship as well as the citation and subject matter of each requirement for which the hardship exception is being requested?	Yes	□No
SE	CTION C. FRESHWATER WETLANDS GENERAL PERMIT 15		
Thi	is section only applies to applications that include a freshwater wetlands general permit 15.		
1.	Is the applicant a Federal agency conducting activities on Federal land?	Yes	☐ No
	If "Yes," public notice is not required for this activity.		
2.	Has a display advertisement describing the proposed activities, at least four column inches in size, been published in a newspaper with local circulation (including the municipality) and in a newspaper with regional circulation (including the county)?	Yes	□No
	If "Yes," did you attach a copy of the published newspaper notices, the dates of publication, and the names of the newspapers to this form?	Yes	□No
SE	CTION D. PINELANDS		
	is section only applies to applications where the proposed activity or project is located within the nelands Area as designated under the Pinelands Protection Act at N.J.S.A. 13:18A-11.a.		
1.	Does the application include a flood hazard general permit or individual permit?	Yes	☐ No
	If "Yes," has a description of the project, including the lot and block, municipality, county, and specific permit(s)/authorization(s) being sought, been sent to the New Jersey Pinelands Commission?	Yes	□No
	If "Yes," did you attach a copy of the certified United States Postal Service white mailing receipt or other written receipt and a copy of any letter provided with the project description to this form?	Yes	□No
2.	Does the application include a coastal general permit or individual permit?	Yes	☐ No
	If " Yes ," has a copy of the entire application been sent to the New Jersey Pinelands Commission?	Yes	□No
	Note: For electronic submissions, the application consists of a description of the project, which must include the lot and block, municipality, and county, the specific permit(s)/authorization(s) being sought, and all items that will be uploaded to the submission service, including all required items on the applicable application checklist(s).		
	If " Yes ," did you attach a copy of the certified United States Postal Service white mailing receipt or other written receipt and a copy of any letter provided with the application to this form?	Yes	□No
3.	Is the application solely for a freshwater wetlands general permit(s)?	Yes	□No
	If "Yes," do not submit the application to the Department. Submit the application to the New Jersey Pinelands Commission.		

APPENDIX C

Proof of Public Notification



February 8, 2024

Barbara Ilaria, Borough of Manasquan Clerk 201 East Main Street Manasquan, NJ 08736

Subject: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Waterfront Development

Individual Permit Government Official Notification - Atlantic Shores Monmouth

Export Cable Corridor Geotechnical Investigation Project

Dear Ms. Ilaria:

This letter is to provide you with legal notification that an application for a Waterfront Development Individual Permit will be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Land Use Regulation (the Department) for the development shown on the enclosed plan(s). A brief description of the proposed project follows:

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Please submit your written comments within 15 calendar days of receiving this letter to:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Land Use Regulation P.O. Box 420, Code 501-02A Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Sincerely,

Scott McBurney, PWS

Senior Project Manager, Wetlands Technical Leader

Cc: Jennifer Daniels (Atlantic Shores)

Stephanie Wilson (Atlantic Shores)

Megan Hayes (Atlantic Shores)



February 8, 2024

Dawn Harriman, Borough of Sea Girt Clerk Borough Hall 321 Baltimore Boulevard P.O. Box 296 Sea Girt, NJ 08750

Subject: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Waterfront Development

Individual Permit Government Official Notification – Atlantic Shores Monmouth

Export Cable Corridor Geotechnical Investigation Project

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February 8, 2024

Borough of Manasquan Construction Department Frank DiRoma, Department Head 201 East Main Street Manasquan, NJ 08736

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Waterfront Development Individual Permit Subject:

Government Official Notification - Atlantic Shores Monmouth Export Cable Corridor Geotechnical

Investigation Project

Dear Mr. DiRoma:

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Daniels, Development Director

Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC



February 8, 2024

Borough of Manasquan Environmental Commission Gregory Love, Chairman 201 East Main Street Manasquan, NJ 08736

Subject: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Waterfront Development Individual Permit

Government Official Notification – Atlantic Shores Monmouth Export Cable Corridor Geotechnical

Investigation Project

Dear Mr. Love:

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Daniels, Development Director Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC



February 8, 2024

Borough of Manasquan Planning & Zoning Office Frank DiRoma, Department Head & Zoning Officer 201 East Main Street Manasquan, NJ 08736

Subject: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Waterfront Development Individual Permit

Government Official Notification – Atlantic Shores Monmouth Export Cable Corridor Geotechnical

Investigation Project

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Daniels, Development Director Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC



February 8, 2024

Monmouth County Environmental Council 1 East Main Street P.O. Box 1255 Freehold, NJ 07728-1255

Subject: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Waterfront Development Individual Permit

Government Official Notification - Atlantic Shores Monmouth Export Cable Corridor Geotechnical

Investigation Project

Dear Environmental Council:

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Sincerely,

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February 8, 2024

Monmouth County Division of Planning 1 East Main Street P.O. Box 1255 Freehold, NJ 07728-1255

Subject: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Waterfront Development Individual Permit

Government Official Notification – Atlantic Shores Monmouth Export Cable Corridor Geotechnical

Investigation Project

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Daniels, Development Director Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC



February 8, 2024

Borough of Sea Girt Building and Construction Department Ed Mack 423 Warren Avenue P.O. Box 638 Spring Lake, NJ 07762

Subject: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Waterfront Development Individual Permit

Government Official Notification – Atlantic Shores Monmouth Export Cable Corridor Geotechnical

Investigation Project

Dear Mr. Mack:

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Daniels, Development Director

Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC



February 8, 2024

Borough of Sea Girt Planning & Zoning Board Karen Brisben 321 Baltimore Boulevard P.O. Box 296 Sea Girt, NJ 08750

Subject: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Waterfront Development Individual Permit

Government Official Notification - Atlantic Shores Monmouth Export Cable Corridor Geotechnical

Investigation Project

Dear Ms. Brisben:

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Daniels, Development Director

Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC



February 8, 2024

Monmouth County Clerk Main Office Christine Giordano Hanlon Market Yard 33 Mechanic Street Freehold, NJ 07728

Subject: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Waterfront Development

Individual Permit Government Official Notification – Atlantic Shores Monmouth

Export Cable Corridor Geotechnical Investigation Project

Dear Ms. Clark:

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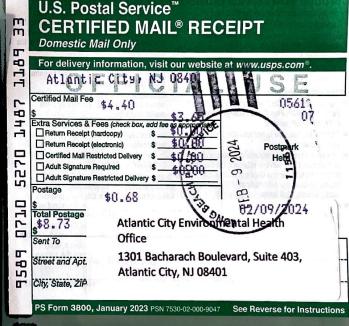




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PS Form 3800, January 2023 PSN 7530-02-000-9047 See Reverse for Instructions



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Christine Giordano Hanlon, Esq.

Market Yard, 33 Mechanic Street

Newspaper Notification

The following is the text submitted to the **Asbury Park Press** to run as a legal ad at a minimum of 4 inches by 4 inches for three days (one being a Sunday). The certified proof of the newspaper notification will be forwarded when received separately from this application.

Take notice that an application for a Waterfront Development Individual Permit will be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Land Use Regulation (the Department) for the proposed activity described below:

APPLICANT: Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC, Attn: Jennifer Daniels, Development Director, 1 Dock 72, Floor 7, Brooklyn, NY 11205

PROJECT NAME: Atlantic Shores Monmouth Export Cable Corridor Geotechnical Investigation Project

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC ("Atlantic Shores"), a 50/50 joint venture (JV) between EDF-RE Offshore Development, LLC (an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of EDF Renewables, Inc.; referred to herein as "EDF Offshore") and Shell New Energies US LLC ("Shell New Energies"), is proposing to evaluate the substrate at five sampling locations within the Geotech Area in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of the Borough of Sea Girt and the Borough of Manasquan, New Jersey. All sampling locations will be collected by drilling vertically from a barge using a combination of hollow stem auger and mud rotary sediment drilling techniques. Approximately 150 samples will be obtained in total from the five sampling locations. The direct impact area will be limited to the radius and depth of the borings.

PROJECT STREET ADDRESS: N/A – Atlantic Ocean

BLOCK: N/A – Atlantic Ocean **LOT**: N/A – Atlantic Ocean

MUNICIPALITY: Sea Girt and Manasquan COUNTY: Monmouth

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New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Land Use Regulation P.O. Box 420, Code 501-02A 501 East State Street Trenton, New Jersey 08625 (609) 777-0454

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Order Number: 9851986

STATE OF WISCONSIN Brown County

Of the Asbury Park Press, a newspaper printed in Freehold, New Jersey and published in Neptune, in State of New Jersey and Monmouth/Ocean Counties, and of general circulation in Monmouth/Ocean Counties, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that the advertisement of which the annexed is a true copy, has been published in said newspaper in the issue:

02/16/2024

Legal Clerk

Notary Public State of Wisconsin County of Brown

My commission expires

DENISE ROBERTS Notary Public State of Wisconsin Take notice that an application for a Waterfront Development Individual Permit will be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Land Use Regulation (the Department) for the proposed activity described below:

APPLICANT: Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC, Attn: Jennifer Daniels, Development Director, 1 Dock 72, Floor 7, Brooklyn, NY 11205

PROJECT NAME: Atlantic Shores Raritan
Bay Geotechnical Investigation Project

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC ("Atlantic Shores"), a 50% joint venture (JV) between EDF-RE Offshore Development, LLC (an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of EDF Renewables, Inc.; referred to herein as "EDF Offshore") and Shell New Energies US LLC ("Shell New Energies"), is proposing to evaluate the substrate at four sampling locations in Raritan Bay off the coast of Keyport, New Jersey. All four locations will include a sediment boring which will have a maximum 6-inch radius and a cone penetrometer test (CPT) which will have a maximum 6-inch radius and a cone penetrometer test (CPT) which will have a maximum 6-inch radius. Both the sediment borings and CPT soundings will be advanced to a target depth of 19.7 feet. Approximately 24 samples will be obtained in total from the four sampling locations. The direct impact area will be limited to the radius and depth of the borings and CPT soundings.

PROJECT STREET ADDRESS: N/A - Raritan Bay

BLOCK: N/A - Raritan Bay

LOT: N/A – Raritan Bay

MUNICIPALITY: Keyport COUNTY: Monmouth

The complete permit application package can be reviewed at either the Borough of Keyport Municipal Clerk's office or by appointment at the Department's Trenton Office. The Department welcomes comments and any information that you may provide concerning the proposed project.

Please submit your written comments within 15 calendar days to:

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APPENDIX D

Property Owner Certification Form



New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Land Use Management Program Division of Land Use Regulation

PROPERTY OWNER CERTIFICATION

INSTRUCTIONS: All applicants are required to complete Sections A and B of this form. Applicants who are individual owners of record of the property upon which the activities will occur must also complete Section C.

All other persons who are required to certify to this application in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:7-23.2(d), N.J.A.C. 7:7A-16.2(d), and N.J.A.C. 7:13-18.2(d) must complete Sections A and C.

Separate forms may be submitted for each signatory, or a single form may be submitted with all required signatures.

SECTION A. SITE INFORMATION (required)						
Project Name: Atlantic Shores - Monmouth Export Cable Corridor Geotechnical Investigation Project						
Applicant's Name: Jennifer Daniels, Development Director, Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC						
Street Address: N/A - Project is located in the Atlantic Ocean						
Municipality: Sea Girt and Manasquan County: Monmouth Zip Code: 08750, 08736						
Blocks and Lots: N/A - Project is located in the Atlantic Ocean						
SECTION B. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT						
The undersigned applicant hereby certifies that he/she is one of the following: 1) an owner of the site on which the activity is proposed or conducted; 2) an agent designated by the site owner(s) to obtain the permit, verification, or letter of interpretation on the owner's behalf; 3) a representative of a public entity proposing an activity within a right-of-way or easement that is held or controlled by that entity or that will be appropriated by the entity under the power of eminent domain; OR 4) a person with the legal authority to perform the proposed activities.						
The undersigned applicant also certifies to the following:						
1. Does the application include any activities within an easement or right-of-way? ☐ Yes ☒ No						
If " Yes ," has written consent from all easement or right-of-way holders in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:7-23.2(g), 7:7A-16.2(g), and 7:13-18.2(g) been attached to this form?						
2. Will any part of the project be located within property belonging to the State of New Jersey?⊠ Yes ☐ No						
3. Does the application include activities on any property owned by any public agency that would be encumbered by Green Acres? Yes ☒ No						
4. Does this project require a Section 106 (National Register of Historic Places) Determination as part of a federal approval? ☐ Yes ☒ No						
Applicant's Name: Jennifer Daniels, Development Director Date: 2/6/2024						
Applicant's Signature: Jennifer Daniels E001265696FE4DB						
Applicant's Name: Date:						
Applicant's Signature:						
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SECTION C. PROPERTY OWNER'S CERTIFICATION

All individual owners of record of the property upon which the activities will occur must certify to this application unless the applicant is a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, municipality, or State, Federal, or other public entity. If the applicant is a corporation, a principal executive officer of at least the level of vice president must certify below. In the case of partnerships and sole proprietorships, a general partner or the proprietor, respectively, is required to certify. For a municipality or for a State, Federal, or other public entity, the certification must be provided by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.

A duly authorized representative may sign this application on behalf of any individual who is required to certify provided that the authorization is made in writing and is submitted as part of this application. Please note that in lieu of a property owner's signature, a legal agreement with the current property owner may be attached to this form. Acceptable legal agreements include, but are not limited to, certificates of eminent domain and certificates of inverse condemnation. Please note that contracts of sale are not considered an acceptable substitute for a property owner's signature.

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining and preparing the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for knowingly submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment. I hereby grant permission for the conduct of the proposed activities and consent to allow access to the site by representatives or agents of the Department for the purpose of conducting a site inspection(s) of the property in question.

Name of Owner/Easement Holder:	Date:	
Signature:		
Specific Block(s) and Lot(s) Owned:		
Name of Owner/Easement Holder:	Date:	
Signature:		
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APPENDIX E

Natural Heritage Program Request Letter

State of New Jersey

Department of Environmental Protection



Natural Heritage Data Request Form

The New Jersey Natural Heritage Program - Office of Natural Lands Management
Mail Code 501-04, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420
Phone: (609) 984-1339; Fax: (609) 984-1427



Please print clearly. All sections are required.

1.	Name:		Agency/Company:	
	Billing Address:		_ City, State, Zip:	
	Phone:		_ E-mail:	
2.	Project Name &/or Pr	roject Address:		
	Municipality(ies):		County(ies):	
	Block(s):		Lot(s):	
	Coordinates (NAD	1983 State Plane feet [6 digits] or	Lat/Long):	
	E(x) / Longitude:		N(y) / Latitude:	
3.	Project Description:			
4.	Mapping Information:	or parcel map with block and lot, etc.)	oject boundary (e.g., USGS quad, aerial in . Responses will be delayed if site location omit electronic GIS data (e.g., shapefile, ge email submittal.	s are not clearly
		Site Location Map Included:	Yes No	
		Electronic GIS Data Files Included	: Yes No	
		USGS quad name (if known):		
5.	Riparian Zone or FHACA	Is this request submitted as part of a (e.g., Flood Hazard Area Control Ac	a Riparian Zone width determination t application N.J.A.C. 7:13)?	Yes No
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