



Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement

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Geri Edens  
Director of Permitting  
Vineyard Offshore

Re: Blade Failure Incident at Wind Turbine Generator AW-38 on July 13, 2024

Greetings,

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), pursuant to 43 U.S.C. § 1348, 30 C.F.R. § 285.105(i), § 285.714, and §§ 285.830-.833, hereby requires Vineyard Offshore, as well as its employees, officers, directors, agents, affiliates, contractors, consultants, and subsidiary and parent companies, to take all reasonable steps necessary to safely and immediately identify, retain, and preserve in their present condition, all potentially relevant evidence and information related to the blade failure incident that occurred at wind turbine generator AW-38 on July 13, 2024.

“Potentially relevant evidence and information” includes, but is not limited to, document(s) or documentation, electronically stored information, contracts, and tangible things as defined in Rule 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Electronically stored information and documentation must be preserved and maintained in its “native” format.

“Document(s)” or “documentation” includes, without limitations, any written, printed, typed, photographed, recorded, or otherwise reproduced or stored audio/visual communication or representation, whether comprised of letters, words, numbers, pictures, sounds or symbols, or any combination thereof, regardless of format. This is inclusive of (but not limited to): calendars in paper or electronic format, personal journals and books in paper or electronic format, photographs, video, charts, and any voice mails, emails, text messages, and any other electronic communications between or among Vineyard Offshore employees, officers, directors, agents, affiliates, contractors, and subsidiary and parent companies.

“Tangible things” include, without limitations, physical evidence and materials and equipment.

“Incident” includes direct and surrounding operation(s) and/or event(s) whether planned, attempted, or completed, which may have contributed to the causation or totality of the incident and any response(s) thereto.

This preservation obligation should be interpreted broadly. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at 571-294-8809 or via email at [Ross.Laidig@bsee.gov](mailto:Ross.Laidig@bsee.gov).

Sincerely,

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