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Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement – Regulatory Agenda

Regulatory Identification Number	Rule Title	Description	Rule Stage ¹
1014-AA44 ²	Oil-Spill Response Plan Requirements for Offshore Facilities Located Seaward of the Coast Line; 30 CFR 254	BSEE is responsible for ensuring that offshore oil and gas and renewable energy operators are trained and equipped to respond to oil spills that may result from their activities. BSEE's oil spill preparedness regulatory requirements in 30 CFR Part 254 require, for example, operators to develop oil spill response plans that respond to a worst-case oil discharge. These regulations also require the operator to ensure response equipment is in optimal readiness. BSEE plans to prepare a rule that would update its oil spill response plan requirements in 30 CFR Part 254, which was last updated substantially 28 years ago.	Proposed
1014-AA45 ³	Revisions to Subpart J – Pipelines and Pipeline Rights-of-Way; 30 CFR 250; subpart J	BSEE is responsible for regulating offshore oil and gas facilities, including pipelines, to ensure operations are performed in a safe and environmentally sound manner. BSEE's pipeline regulations are located in 30 CFR 250 Subpart J. Regulatory activities under Subpart J range from permitting the design and installation to decommissioning of all pipelines on the U.S. OCS. BSEE plans to prepare a rule that would update 30 CFR 250 Subpart J to improve pipeline safety, environmental protection, and equipment reliability.	Proposed
1014-AA51	Updates of Documents Incorporated by Reference in 30 CFR Part 250 – Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf	This final rule would update the editions of documents incorporated by reference in 30 CFR part 250 Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf. BSEE incorporates by reference 125 consensus standards in its regulations. Each of those incorporated references would require identifying the specific edition of the standard that is incorporated into the regulations. Incorporation of a specific edition of a standard into the regulations requires the regulated industry to comply with the terms of that edition, even if that edition is later updated, replaced, or withdrawn.	Final

¹ Rule Stage: A proposed rule presents proposed additions, revisions, or re-designations to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), provides a rationale for each proposed provision, and invites public comment. A final rule presents the CFR provisions adopted and the reasons for the agency's decisions, including a discussion of the changes from the proposed rule. The agency discusses and responds to significant public comments received on the proposed rule.

² BSEE sent letters inviting formal consultation on proposed rulemaking 1014-AA44 Oil-Spill Response Requirements for Facilities Located Seaward of the Coast Line to Tribal Leaders and ANCSA Corporations in March 2023.

³ BSEE sent letters inviting formal consultation on proposed rulemaking 1014-AA45 Subpart J – Pipelines and Pipeline Rights-of-Way to Tribal Leaders and ANCSA Corporations in March 2023 and in July 2025.

1014-AA56	Updates of Documents Incorporated by Reference; 30 CFR 250	This proposed rule would update the editions of documents incorporated by reference in 30 CFR part 250 Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf. Incorporation of a specific edition of a standard into the regulations means that the regulated industry would comply with the terms of that edition, even if that edition is later updated or replaced by the standard development organization. This proposed rule would update the editions of documents incorporated by reference separate from those that would be updated in the 1014-AA51 Final Rule described above.	Proposed
1014-AA60	Safety and Environmental Management Systems requirements (SEMS) (SEMS III); 30 CFR 250; subpart S	This rulemaking would update the current version of American Petroleum Institute's (API) Recommended Practice (RP) 75 Recommended Practice for Development of a Safety and Environmental Management Program for Offshore Operations and Facilities from the currently incorporated third edition to the fourth edition released in 2019. It would also guide operators on implementing the new edition. The new edition of RP 75 includes additional risk management strategies to ensure safer oil and gas operations. The rulemaking would address cybersecurity of all operational technology controls for offshore energy activities and update SEMS auditing requirements.	Proposed
1014-AA63	Revisions to the 2023 Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control Rule (WCR) 30 CFR 250	This rulemaking would revise the "Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf-Blowout Preventer Systems and Well Control Revisions," 88 Fed. Reg. 57334 (August 23, 2023). BSEE is undertaking this regulatory action in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 14154, Unleashing American Energy, and Secretary's Order (SO) 3418, Unleashing American Energy, which specifically calls for the suspension, revision, or rescission of the 2023 rule.	Proposed
1014-AA64	Remove Regulations for Sulphur Operations— Subpart P; 30 CFR 250	This direct final rule would remove regulations for exploration, development, and production of Sulphur on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) (30 CFR part 250, subpart P) that are infrequently used and inconsistent with requirements for similar activities. Operators conducting Sulphur activities on the OCS would be regulated by the other subparts in 30 CFR part 250, BOEM-approved plans, and any other applicable laws, regulations, and conditions of approval. This action complies with Executive Order 14192, Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation.	Final
1014-AA65	Restoration of Names that Honor American Greatness; Gulf of America; 30 CFR Parts 203, 250, 254	This direct final rule will align BSEE's regulations with E.O. 14172, Restoring Names that Honor American Greatness. This E.O. directs the Secretary to take all actions to rename the formerly named Gulf of Mexico to Gulf of America in BSEE's regulations.	Final

1014-AA67	Zero-based Regulating; 30 CFR Parts 203, 252, 270, 290, 291	DOI is proposing to insert sunset provisions into regulations promulgated pursuant to the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) and its amendments. These regulations are codified at 30 CFR Parts 203, 252, 270, 290, and 291. Each sunset provision will establish a conditional sunset date for the regulations one year from the effective date of the final Zero-Based Regulating rule. If DOI does not extend a particular regulation before its conditional sunset date, that regulation will expire, cease to be enforceable, and be removed from the Code of Federal Regulations. DOI is also proposing, as required by EO 14270 and consistent with agency policy, to require all future regulations issued pursuant to OCSLA and its amendments to include a sunset provision. Sunset provisions in future rules will have a conditional sunset date five years from the effective date of the final rule. If DOI does not extend a regulation before its conditional sunset date, it will expire, cease to be enforceable, and be removed from the Code of Federal Regulations. DOI is proposing to allow a conditional sunset date to be extended by the agency as many times as appropriate, but never to a date more than five years in the future.	Proposed
1082-AA04 (Joint BOEM- BSEE rule) ⁴	Carbon Sequestration (BOEM-BSEE joint rule); 30 CFR 260	The proposed rulemaking would address the transportation and geologic sequestration aspects of a development, including leasing; siting of storage reservoirs; environmental plans and mitigations; facility and infrastructure design and installation; injection operations; monitoring; incident response; financial assurance; and safety. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 directed the Department to establish regulations intended to initiate OCS activities to accomplish carbon sequestration. This proposed joint rulemaking between the Bureau of Ocean Energy management (BOEM) and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) would establish new regulations to implement processes in support of safe and environmentally responsible carbon sequestration activities on the OCS.	Proposed

⁴ BOEM and BSEE sent letters inviting formal consultation on the development of proposed rulemaking 1082-AA04 Carbon Sequestration to Tribal Leaders and ANCSA Corporations in May 2023.