



Briefing Notice

Offshore Wind Energy

Briefing Series: Scaling Up Innovation to Drive Down Emissions

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

1:00-2:30 pm EDT

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The Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) invites you to a briefing on **offshore wind energy**. In March 2021, the Biden-Harris Administration announced an interagency goal of deploying 30,000 megawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030—an extraordinary increase from the 42 megawatts of offshore wind currently operating in the United States. Meeting this goal will require a rapid and historical deployment of offshore wind energy that has the potential to create tens of thousands of jobs, spur the economy, and provide renewable energy to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

During this briefing, panelists will discuss opportunities, challenges, and considerations for scaling up offshore wind energy in the United States, as well as the policies that could support such a ramp-up.

Panelists include:

- **Wright Frank**, Chief of Renewable Energy Policy, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
- **Andrea Hart**, Legal Specialist, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
- **John Begala**, Vice President of Federal & State Policy, Business Network for Offshore Wind
- **Lauren Farnsworth**, Offshore Wind Program Manager, Massachusetts Clean Energy Center
- **Dr. Habib Dagher**, Executive Director of the Advanced Structures & Composites Center, University of Maine

This briefing is part of a series called **Scaling Up Innovation to Drive Down Emissions** that will run through June and focus on the role of innovative technologies and emerging energy sources in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The four-part briefing series will cover **green hydrogen**, **direct air capture**, **electric vehicle infrastructure**, and **offshore wind energy**. Panelists will discuss the federal policy levers needed to responsibly scale-up these technologies and solutions to support decarbonization.

This series will run in parallel with another briefing series, **Living with Climate Change**, covering polar vortices, sea level rise, wildfires, and extreme heat. [RSVP for this other briefing series here.](#)

These events are free and open to the public.
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