



NEPA Compliance

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President Richard Nixon signed the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) into law on January 1, 1970. It was the first major environmental law in the United States. Congress recognized that the Federal Government's actions may cause significant environmental effects. These actions include issuing regulations, providing permits, making federal land management decisions, and many other types of actions. As such, every agency in the executive branch of the Federal Government is required to implement NEPA, including BSEE. NEPA analysis informs federal decision-makers of the potential environmental effects of a specified federal action. This analysis consists of scientific studies, public input, operational trends, and consultation and coordination with other Federal Agencies. BSEE uses the information in the NEPA analysis to develop mitigation strategies that protect our Nation's environmental resources as a part of our regulatory oversight of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The following table contains the BSEE federal actions that require NEPA analysis:

Permit Type	Regulation Citation

Application for Permit to Drill (APD)	30 CFR §250.410-411 (Form BSEE-0123)
Application for Permit to Sidetrack (AST)	30 CFR §250.410 (Form BSEE-0123)
Application for Permit to Bypass (APB)	30 CFR §250.410-411 (Form BSEE-0123)
Application for Permit to Modify (APM)	30 CFR §250.465 and 30 CFR §250.1704(g) (Form BSEE-0124)
Revised Permits associated with APD, AST, APB, and APM (e.g., RPD, RST, RPB, RPM)	Under the same citations and forms as above.
Application for Permit for Structure Installation	30 CFR §250.900(b)(1)
Application for Permit for Structure Modification	30 CFR §250.900(b)(2)
Application for Permit for Lease Term or Right-of-Way Pipeline Installation/Modification (LT/ROW)	30 CFR §250.1000(b)(1) and (2)
Application for Permit for Structure Removal	30 CFR §250.1704(a) and (b)
Application for Permit for Modification Using Explosives (APM/RPM)	30 CFR §250.1704(g) (Form BSEE-0124)

The following documents guide BSEE in its implementation of NEPA:

- [A Citizen's Guide to the NEPA](#)
- [MOU Between BOEM and BSEE - 2011](#)
- [MOA Between BOEM and BSEE Regarding Environmental and NEPA - 2011](#)
- [BSEE NEPA Policy – IPD No. 2013-09](#)

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BSEE's compliance with and implementation of NEPA ensures BSEE federal actions are properly informed and the potential environmental impacts of those actions are appropriately mitigated or avoided altogether via conditions of approval attached to the permits listed in the table above.

BSEE's commitment to the NEPA process helps ensure that we're doing our part as a world leader in protecting our environment, and, specifically, keeping our world's oceans environmentally sound and healthy for everyone to enjoy now and well into the future.

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