The OCS Leasing, Exploration, and Development Process Develop 5-Year Program

Prelease

Solicit Comments

45-day Comment Period

Draft
Proposed
Program
Published

60-Day Comment Period

Proposed
Program

Draft EIS
Published

90-Day Comment Period Proposed Final Program

Final EIS
Published

60-Day Period for Congress Final 5-Year Program Announced

Planning for Specific Sale

Call for Information Published

45-Day Comment Period Define Sale Area

Draft EIS Published 45- to 90-Day Comment Period Final EIS
Published,
Proposed
Notice and
CD sent to
States

30-Day Comment Period 60-Day Comment Period 90-Day Review

Final Notice of Sale Published

30-Day Period Sale

Leases Issued

Post Lease

Exploration Plan Submitted

Environmental Assessment 90-Day CZM Review Exploration Plan Review APD
Decision
Permits
Granted

Exploration Drilling Starts

First Exploration Well (s) Completed

Delineation Well Drilling

Development and Production Plan Approval

Exploration Plan Approval

Development & Production Plan Submitted Company Submits CZM Consistency Certification MMS Prepares NEPA Analysis

CZM Consistency
Concurrence from State

Then Development and Production Plan Decision

Production Well Application First
Oil/Gas
Production