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SECTION 8 RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT

8.5 VISIBILITY STUDY

8.5.1 Overview

This section assesses the visibility and potential viewshed impacts of Excelsior Wind (the "Project"), a 1,350 megawatt (MW) Offshore Wind Generation Facility (OWF) that will be installed in Lease Area OCS-A 0544 (the "Lease Area"). The nearest wind turbine generator (WTG) will be more than 24 statute miles from the closest shoreline point in any state.

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The location and design of the OWF (as they relate to potential visual impacts) and the results of the Visibility Study are detailed in the sections that follow.

8.5.2 Offshore Wind Generation Facility Site

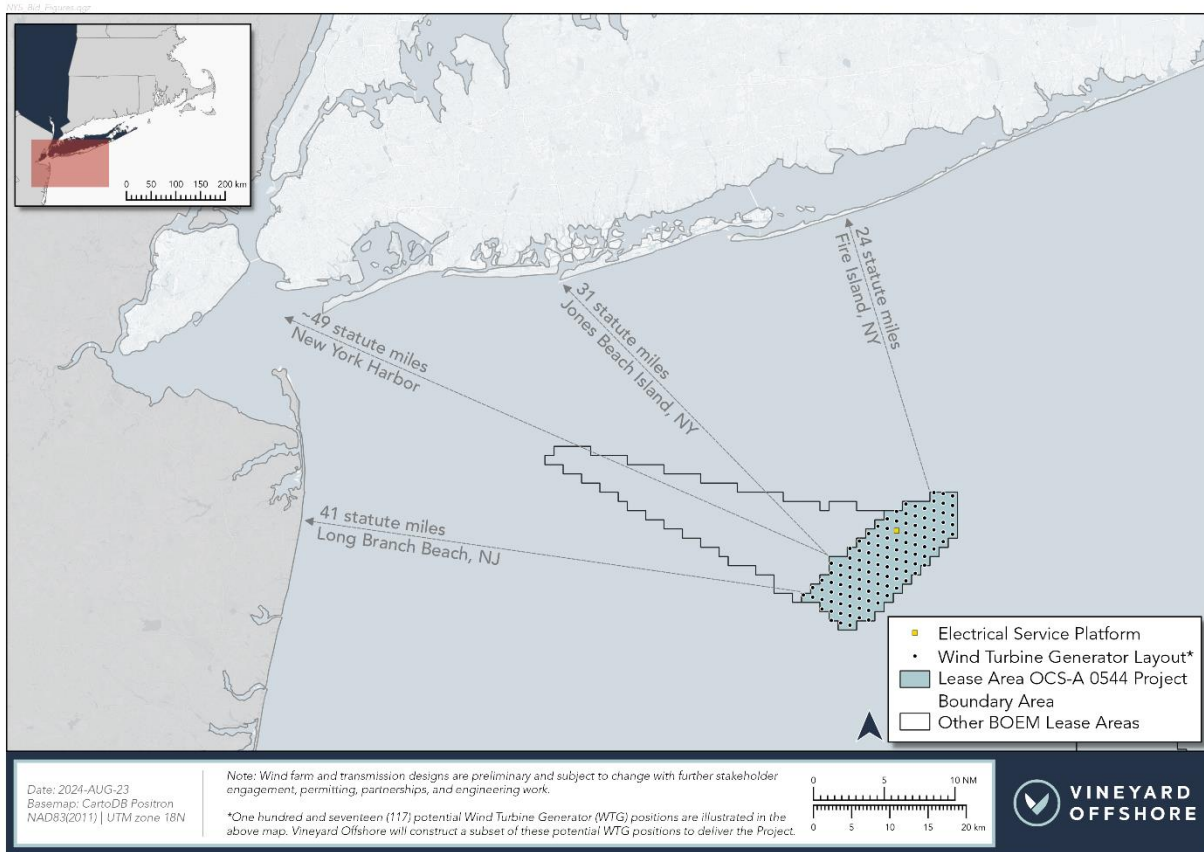
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8.5.2.1 Lease Area

The Lease Area is approximately 43,056 acres in size and is located in the open Atlantic Ocean approximately 24 and 41 miles, respectively, from New York and New Jersey's nearest shorelines (see Figure 8.5-1).¹ The Lease Area abuts Empire Wind's Lease Area OCS-A 0512 along its western edge and has water depths between 124 and 154 feet (ft).

¹ Distances to shore are measured from the Lease Area boundary.

Figure 8.5-1 Lease Area Distance to Shore

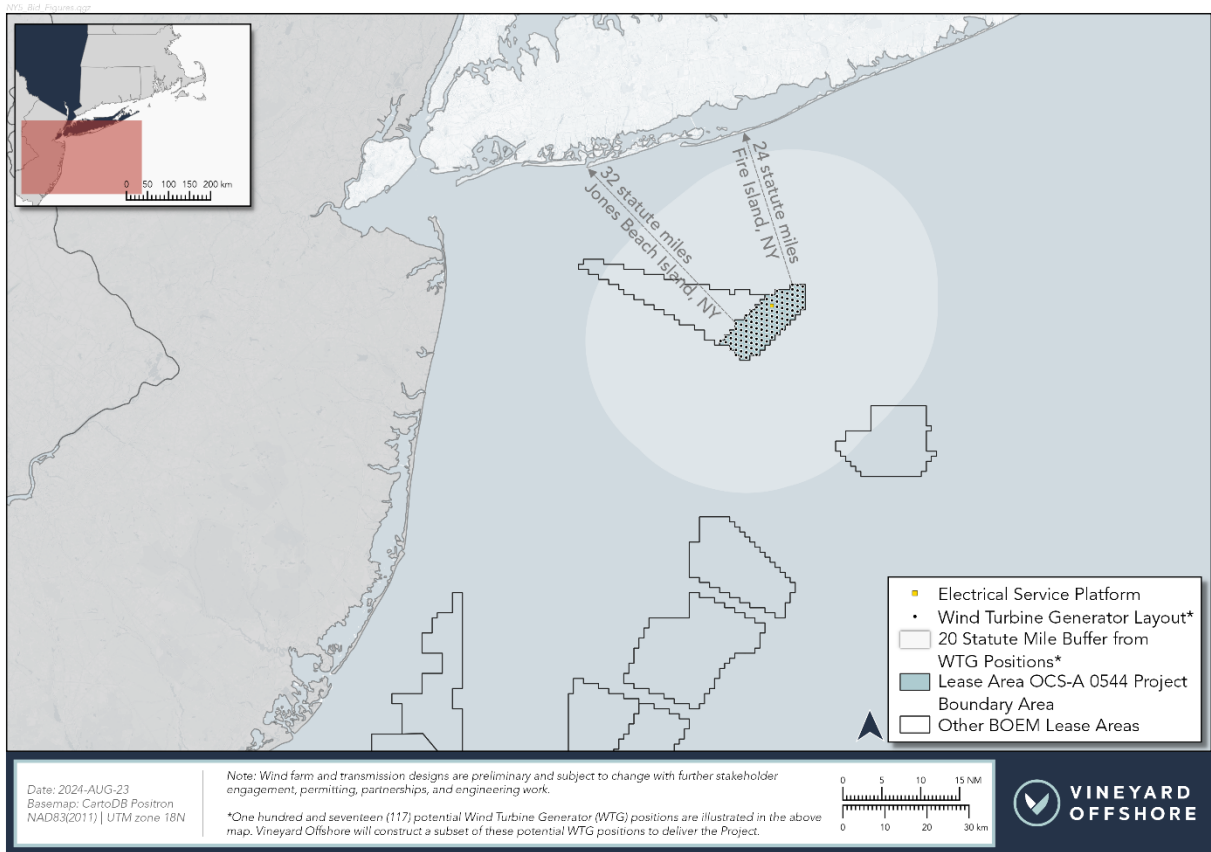


8.5.2.2 Offshore Wind Generation Facility Layout



No WTGs are located less than 24 miles from the nearest shoreline point of any state.

Figure 8.5-2 Excelsior Wind Offshore Wind Generation Facility Layout



8.5.3 Visibility Assessments

In accordance with the requirements of Section 6.2.8.5 of ORECRFP24-1, Vineyard Offshore has assessed the Project's visibility from shore and prepared photo simulations to support the assessment.

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8.5.3.1 Lease Area Visibility Study

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8.5.3.1.1 Theoretical Visibility of the WTGs and ESP

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8.5.3.1.2 Effects of Meteorological Conditions on Visibility

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8.5.3.1.3 Visual Simulations

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8.5.3.1.4 Daytime Visibility of the WTGs in the Lease Area

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8.5.3.1.5 Visibility of Nighttime Lighting in the Lease Area

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8.5.4 Mitigation Measures

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