

**Decommissioning Plan – Delaware**  
**US Wind, Inc.**  
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The Decommissioning Plan – Delaware is prepared at the request of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) to describe the decommissioning plan for removal of the Delaware export cables and related infrastructure after the Maryland Offshore Wind Project is no longer in operation.

Prior to commencing decommissioning activities, US Wind will submit a final decommissioning plan to DNREC for approval. US Wind's decommissioning plan will be submitted in conjunction with the Decommissioning Application required by the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE). It should be noted that the plan described in the following plan is a general concept intended to provide an overview of the decommissioning procedures.

The Decommissioning Plan – Delaware was prepared based on existing conditions. Should later developments, such as infrastructure crossing export cable(s), materially alter these conditions US Wind may be challenged to safely decommission the installed equipment. US Wind and DNREC would need to evaluate the impact to the decommissioning of US Wind's infrastructure from future development, should such activities be proposed.

The plan presented assumes all components will be removed to 5 m (15 ft) below the mudline as required by § 285.910(a) until and unless BSEE approves otherwise.

The decommissioning plan includes aspects of the Project in Delaware state lands and waters. For the purposes of the Decommissioning Plan – Delaware, the Project is broken down into the following components:

- Onshore export cables.
- Onshore infrastructure.

In general, structures and project elements will be decommissioned in the opposite order as they are installed and with the same or similar equipment. The first wind farms in Europe are just now reaching their design lives and are starting to enter the decommissioning process. As such, it is expected that means and methods will continue to evolve as more projects are decommissioned. An overview of the decommission methods for Project components is provided in the following sections.

US Wind will establish an appropriate instrument for financial assurance, such as a bond, to pay for removal of elements in the plan should US Wind be unable to remove the facilities in the future. The bond or similar mechanism would be established 180 days prior to the start of onshore construction activities in Delaware.

## Onshore Export Cables

The export cables will be disconnected from the offshore wind turbine generators and offshore substations, and, subject to discussions with the appropriate regulatory agencies on the preferred

approach to minimize environmental impacts, either retired in place or removed from the seabed and bay bottom and recovered onto a barge or suitably equipped vessel. The cable routes will be exposed as needed to dislodge the cables and allow for the cable to be recovered. When the cable has been recovered it will be transported to shore for disposal and/or recycling.

US Wind will conduct a post-removal survey to ensure the export cables have been removed and results will be submitted to DNREC in a letter report.

## Onshore Infrastructure

The transition vaults under the 3R's Beach parking lot would be exposed and removed using similar equipment used to install the vaults. The parking lot would be closed to public access during removal, abiding by the time of year restriction (no work May 15 through September 15) that US Wind committed to in order to avoid the peak tourism and recreation season.

US Wind will conduct a post-removal survey to ensure the transition vaults and cables have been removed and results will be submitted to DNREC in a letter report. The parking lot would be restored to its current surface conditions following removal.

The terms of decommissioning of the cable vaults and cables at 3R's Beach parking lot will also be governed by a lease to be negotiated with DNREC Parks and Recreation, owner of the property in Delaware Seashore State Park. Such terms will be incorporated into the Decommissioning Plan – Delaware as appropriate.