



Marine Minerals Administration

Mission

The Marine Minerals Administration (MMA) will manage development of the country's offshore energy, mineral, and geological resources in an economically beneficial and environmentally responsible way while promoting safety and conserving the country's offshore resources through vigorous regulatory oversight and enforcement.

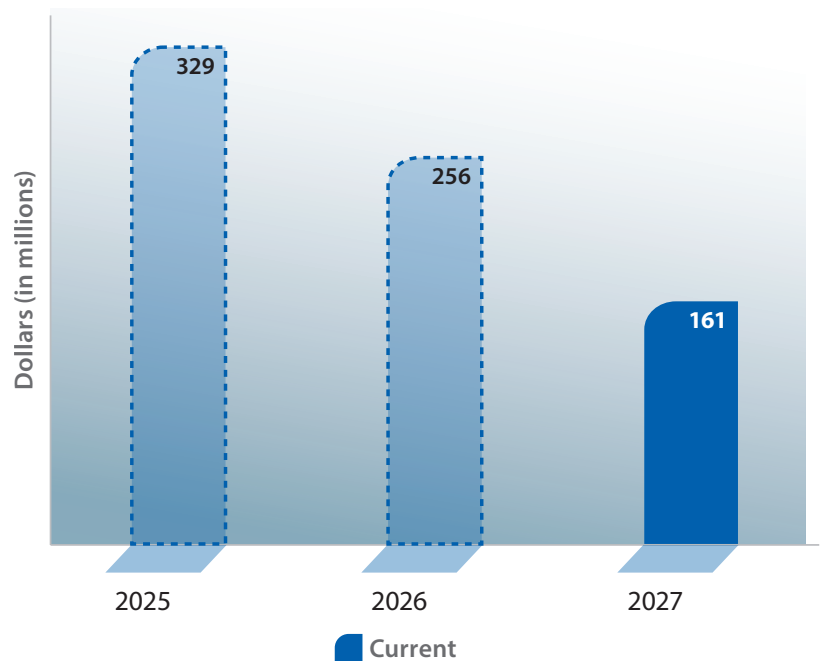
Budget Overview

The 2027 budget request for MMA is \$296.2 million, including \$161.0 million in current appropriations and \$135.2 million in offsetting collections from offshore rental receipts, inspection fees, and cost recoveries, and is estimated to support 874 full-time equivalents (FTE). MMA will focus on efficient permitting and expediting of offshore oil and gas and critical mineral leasing as the country moves toward energy and critical mineral dominance, thus fostering prosperity, spurring economic growth, and ensuring America's national security.

Bureau Reunification

Following the tragic Deepwater Horizon incident in the Gulf of America in April 2010, the Department reorganized the former offshore regulator (the Minerals Management Service) into three distinct bureaus to address perceived operational challenges. Subsequent reviews of the incident concluded the root causes were primarily operational failures, not structural deficiencies within the former bureau. In addition, numerous

MMA Funding



Note: Table displays FY 2025 and FY 2026 funding for BOEM and BSEE.

Federal regulations were strengthened in response to the disaster to address the contributing factors. The Department proposes a strategic reunification of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) into a single bureau to better align with the Department's mission, streamline governance of offshore energy and mineral resources, and deliver greater value to the American public. This reunification is grounded in four themes:

- **Unleashing American Offshore Energy and Critical Mineral Potential**

MMA will continue to play a major role in helping drive historic growth in offshore oil and gas production and mineral development, reinforcing the country's position as a global energy and critical minerals leader, strengthening national security, and driving American prosperity.



- As of March 2026, the Department managed more than 1,900 active leases in the Gulf of America, the Pacific Ocean, and the waters off the shore of Alaska.
- Interior was responsible for operational oversight of nearly 1,300 structures across the OCS and performed more than 10,500 offshore inspections in FY 2025, ensuring safety of operations and full resource development from subsea mineral reservoirs.
- The Department successfully conducted the first 2 of more than 30 offshore lease sales required by the Working Families Tax Cut Act (Public Law 119-21)—generating nearly \$350 million in high bids for leases in the Gulf of America.
- Following Executive Order 14154, *Unleashing American Energy*, the Department implemented new parameters for downhole commingling in the Paleogene (Wilcox) reservoirs of the Gulf of America, which could increase production by 10 percent over the next 10 years.

- **Unwavering Commitment to Safety on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)**

MMA will maintain enhanced safety protocols and rigorous oversight across all OCS activities throughout the span of the energy life cycle, ensuring the highest standards of environmental and operational safety.

- **Preservation and Enhancement of Human Capital Assets**

MMA will prioritize strategies that attract subject matter experts across the full resource

development life cycle, ensuring a resilient and capable workforce.

- **Operational Integration and Readiness**

With embedded operations in New Orleans, LA; Camarillo, CA; and Anchorage, AK, MMA will be positioned for immediate and seamless integration, minimizing disruption and maximizing continuity in energy operations.

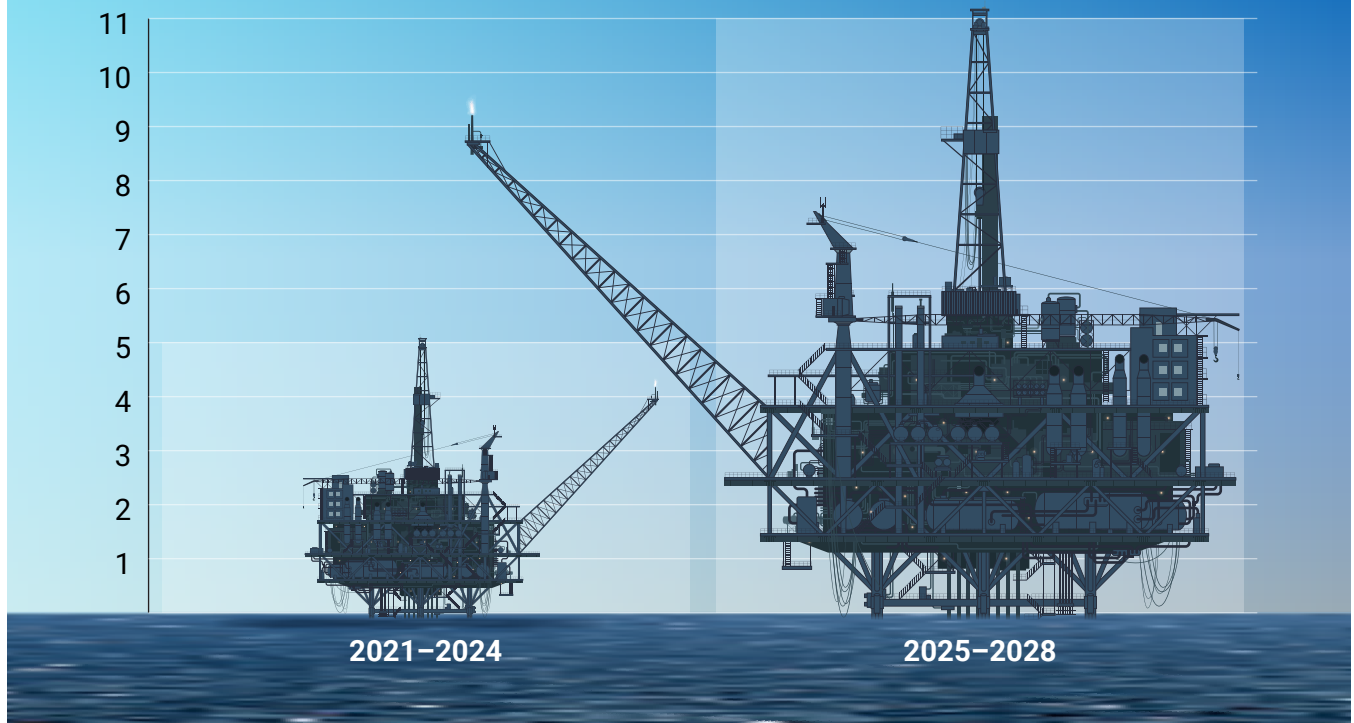
Merging the existing bureaus will improve the efficiency of interdependent activities, reduce



A drillship operates in the Gulf of America.

BOEM Photo.

Number of Offshore Lease Sales



Number of Lease Sales	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Gulf of America	1	1	1	1	0	3	2	2	2	2
Alaska	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	1

The table above includes the Working Families Tax Cut Act sales (Gulf of America and Alaska’s Cook Inlet) and one Alaska frontier sale (Beaufort Sea) scheduled for early in the 11th National OCS Program. Additional oil and gas lease sales may be scheduled in accordance with the 11th Program sales schedule once finalized.

regulatory burdens, facilitate access to Federal resources, and reduce administrative redundancy.

Marine Minerals Administration Account

The 2027 budget proposes \$286.7 million for the development of energy, mineral, and geological resources on the OCS and ensuring that offshore operations are safe and conducted in an environmentally responsible manner. These funds support high-priority offshore oil and gas development and permitting activities, including implementing the National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program, the Bureau’s inspection program, and economic analysis and resource evaluation. In FY 2027, MMA will conduct lease sales required by the Working Families Tax Cut Act (Public Law 119–21) and complete a new National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program, advancing

implementation of Executive Order (EO) 14154, *Unleashing American Energy*, through activities supporting the development of OCS oil and gas resources, thereby ensuring that energy is affordable and promotes a healthy economy. The budget will enable MMA to analyze areas under consideration for leasing, perform outreach and coordination with communities and stakeholders, solicit input, and expedite lease sale assessments required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The budget eliminates support for inefficient and expensive renewable energy programs that subsidize unreliable, intermittent energy projects to the detriment of American consumers, businesses, military readiness, and wildlife. The budget proposes establishing an inspection fee for existing offshore wind facilities similar to the fees applied to offshore oil and gas inspections.

MMA will oversee prospecting and leasing activities on the Federal seabed, where critical minerals can be found. Offshore critical minerals are essential to U.S. economic and national security and are used for consumer electronics, energy production, healthcare, transportation, and national defense. MMA is developing a National Offshore Critical Minerals Inventory, using information collected from collaborative work with our partners at the U.S. Geological Survey and the National Oceanic

and Atmospheric Administration, to locate and assess deposits of these minerals and their environs. MMA will continue to champion EO 14285, *Unleashing America's Offshore Critical Minerals and Resources*, to advance critical mineral priorities by expediting leasing and mineral deposit mapping and coordinating with territorial, State, local, and Tribal governments. The budget also supports sand and gravel resources, which are used for beach nourishment and to support restoration



An offshore oil and gas facility in the Gulf of America.

BOEM Photo.

of hundreds of miles of the country's coastline, protecting communities and billions of dollars of infrastructure.

MMA's Environmental Programs and Enforcement budget request will ensure offshore mineral development is guided and informed by the best available science, as required by EO 14303, *Restoring Gold Standard Science*. These programs fund the scientific research required by the OCS Lands Act (Public Law 83-212, as amended) to inform energy, mineral, and geological resource development on the OCS. A focus on research ensures the transparent and accessible integration of applied science with MMA's analyses to support durable mineral development decisions. These resources will enable MMA to conduct the necessary programmatic environmental analyses, compliance verification, and enforcement of environmental standards, including specialized offshore inspections, outreach and coordination with stakeholders, and public comment review and analysis; fund environmental studies specific to the planning areas under consideration; and fund lease sale NEPA assessments.

As the Administration works to expand domestic energy production and advance American Energy Dominance, MMA will effectively oversee the energy life cycle on the OCS through its mission and operations. This work will reflect a careful balance between resource development, production goals, decommissioning priorities, safety, and environmental protection in alignment with the OCS Lands Act.

MMA will also focus on fostering safe, secure, and reliable energy production. The Bureau will achieve this goal through well-developed and measured application of its programs and operations through efficient permitting, appropriate standards and regulations, effective compliance monitoring and

enforcement, technical assessments, environmental reviews, inspections, incident investigations, resource conservation, and preparedness planning. These efforts will advance American Energy Dominance to ensure that offshore energy remains a viable and accessible asset as it serves the interests of the country and its citizens. As a steward of the country's OCS oil, gas, and mineral resources, MMA will also protect Federal royalty interests by making sure oil and gas production methods maximize recovery from underground reservoirs. MMA will ensure operators and industry are prepared to mitigate substantial threats and respond to oil discharges and other incidents from offshore facilities by emphasizing quality assurance in all operations, including training, equipment testing, periodic unannounced drills, research and development endeavors, and stakeholder engagement.

Oil Spill Research

The 2027 budget request includes \$9.5 million for Oil Spill Research to support research on the prevention of and response to oil pollution, as authorized by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-380). The Oil Spill Research program plays a pivotal role in initiating applied research to support decision making on the methods and equipment needed to prevent or mitigate oil spills, a critical component of the offshore permitting process. Funds are used to sponsor testing of new equipment and methods and to support the Ohmsett testing and training activities. Located in Leonardo, NJ, the Ohmsett testing facility is the only one of its kind in the world, providing full-scale equipment and methodology testing for offshore spills in a safe, controlled environment.

Fixed Costs

Fixed costs of \$111,000 are fully funded.

SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS ^{1/}

(dollar amounts in thousands)

Comparison of 2027 Request with 2026 Enacted

	2026 Enacted ^{2/}		2027 Request		Change	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Current						
Ocean Energy Management	537	119,352	0	0	-537	-119,352
Offshore Safety and Environmental Enforcement	536	121,465	0	0	-536	-121,465
Oil Spill Research	23	15,099	23	9,493	0	-5,606
Minerals Management Administration	0	0	851	151,435	+851	+151,435
Subtotal, Current (w/o offsetting collections)	1,096	255,916	874	160,928	-222	-94,988
Reimbursable, Allocation, and Other						
Reimbursable	5	0	0	0	-5	0
Subtotal, Reimbursable, Allocation, and Other	5	0	0	0	-5	0
TOTAL, MARINE MINERALS ADMINISTRATION						
(w/o offsetting collections)	1,101	255,916	874	160,928	-227	-94,988

^{1/} Current funding amounts include supplemental appropriations and transfers. For further details, see Highlights of Budget Changes tables for each account.

^{2/} Includes funding amounts appropriated to BOEM and BSEE in FY 2026.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity
(dollar amounts in thousands)

APPROPRIATION: Marine Minerals Administration

	2025 Actual ^{1/}	2026 Enacted ^{1/}	2027 Request	Change
Conventional Energy Operations	239,348	234,942	186,231	-48,711
Renewable Energy	33,105	20,000	0	-20,000
Marine Minerals	13,808	13,808	17,808	+4,000
Environmental Programs and Enforcement	80,002	78,744	52,474	-26,270
Executive Direction	47,349	37,505	30,169	-7,336
Offshore Decommissioning	2,880	2,880	0	-2,880
Offsetting Collections—Rental Receipts	-68,537	-99,959	-88,206	+11,753
Offsetting Collections—Cost Recoveries	-5,959	-9,959	-9,897	+62
Offsetting Collections—Inspection Fees	-28,360	-37,144	-37,144	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	313,636	240,817	151,435	-89,382

^{1/} Amounts reflect BOEM and BSEE dollars under the proposed MMA structure. For further details, see the FY 2027 Marine Minerals Administration Budget Justification.

APPROPRIATION: Oil Spill Research

	2025 Actual ^{1/}	2026 Enacted ^{1/}	2027 Request	Change
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	15,099	15,099	9,493	-15,099

^{1/} Reflects funding appropriated to BSEE.