MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AIR AND RADIATION ADMINISTRATION NOTICE OF FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT, PSD APPROVAL, AND NSR APPROVAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMMISSIONING OF THE MARYLAND WIND OFFSHORE PROJECT SUBMITTED BY US WIND, INC.

FIRST NOTICE

The Maryland Department of the Environment, Air and Radiation Administration (ARA), has made a final determination to issue a Permit to Construct, a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Approval, and New Source Review (NSR) Approval to US Wind, Inc. The proposed project will be located approximately 10 nautical miles (NM) off the coast of Worcester County, Maryland on the outer continental shelf (OCS). Copies of the application, the final determination, the permit conditions and emissions limitations, the Department's responses to public comments, and other supporting documents are available for public inspection on the Department's website:

https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/permits/AirManagementPermits/Pages/U.-S.-Wind-Maryland-Offshore-Wind-Project-.aspx

ARA is issuing the permit and approvals, including the conditions and emissions limitations presented in the docket, with an effective date of June 6, 2025.

In accordance with HB 1200/Ch. 588 of 2022, an environmental justice (EJ) Score was determined for the census tract in which the project is located using the Maryland EJ Screening Tool. The EJ Score, expressed as a statewide percentile, was shown to be 17.29. This score considers three demographic indicators, minority population above 50%, poverty rate above 25% and limited English proficiency above 15%, to identify underserved communities, and multiple environmental health indicators to identify overburdened communities. The Department's review of the environmental and socioeconomic indicators contributing to that EJ score is included in the docket that is available for public inspection.

Pursuant to Section 1-601 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, a final determination by the Department is subject to judicial review at the request of any person that: (1) Meets the threshold standing requirements under federal law; and (2)(i) Is the applicant; or (ii) Participated in a public participation process through the submission of written or oral comments.

Any petition for judicial review must be filed pursuant to Section 1-605 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. The petition shall be filed by July 14, 2025 in the circuit court for the county where the application for the permit states that the proposed activity will occur and otherwise conform to the requirements of Title 1, Subtitle 6 of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Ms. Shannon Heafey, Public Participation Coordinator, at 410-537-4433 or shannon.heafey@maryland.gov.

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