

Activities to date:

A. Identification of interested/affected persons and groups

-- Sources:

- Direct personal contacts

Dept of Interior hearings, Trenton, N.J.
 League of Women Voters symposium, Dover, Delaware
 Interviews, Wash. D.C.
 Telephone conversations with persons in Washington,
 N.J., Del, N.Y., Md.
 Various meetings and briefings sponsored by citizen groups

- Lists

Obtained from federal, state agencies; officers of
 various organizations, registers of attendance
 at meetings, witness lists at public hearings

-- Types of interested parties identified

Environmentalists, consumer advocates, labor unions,
 realtors, tourist-recreational, chambers of commerce,
 church groups, sport and commercial fishing, other
 industry, minority-poverty groups, civic organizations,
 citizen commissions, etc.

-- Results

and/or individuals

About 200 groups in New Jersey and Delaware on mailing list
 Some selection of those with high interest-participation
 characteristics --personal contacts with these yielded
 names of other interested parties.
 Good cooperation from state and federal agencies with
 lists of interested citizens has served as way to
 check lists obtained in other ways and has contributed
 to inclusiveness of our list

B. Providing information to interested/affected persons and groups

- All persons contacted personally because of their direct interest
 or because they could help in identifying other persons,
 were told about the OTA study and asked to tell others
 about it.
- Nov., 1974 news release about the study, and, in many cases,
 the "statement of work" was distributed at hearings,
 meetings, and by mail to those contacted.
- Those who heard about the study from direct contacts have
 called or written for information about the study or
 about related materials. These materials were provided.

-- Newspaper reporters, and other media persons were told about study at the hearings, meetings attended. Several have called for follow-up information to the old news release they were given. About a dozen reporters from N.J., N.Y., Phila. media attended April 17 news conference held by Senator Clifford Case. News release and briefing on the study included discussion of public participation efforts. (A clipping service has been retained to keep track of media coverage of the issues and the study).

-- OTA consultant on Public Participation spoke about the study and invited public involvement in Delaware symposium. Response was favorable and enthusiastic. Two study team members and consultant discussed study with several citizen leaders and a state gov't official after that meeting.

C. Obtaining information from interested/affected persons and groups

-- Written materials

A number of the organization leaders contacted have supplied us with position papers, statements, and research done by their groups. Some of these have been sent to BDM; others will be summarized and given to BDM. Testimony and presented at hearings and other public forums attended has been gathered.

-- Information obtained from personal or telephone interviews

A few leaders of interested groups have been interviewed and asked about the major issues of concern to their organizations. In some cases, memos were prepared for use by the study team. Informal conversations with interested persons have yielded some information about the views and concerns of their organizations.

D. Fact Book and Questionnaire

-- The most substantial effort to begin the process of exchanging information is the preparation of a fact book that will be distributed by direct mail to our list of identified parties and will be placed in libraries and other public buildings. The fact book will outline the technologies being assessed, the major issues raised in connection with offshore energy development, the nature of technology assessment, the functions of OTA, and the aims of the study. A questionnaire, to be included in the booklet, will help us gauge the extent and nature of interest on the part of recipients of the booklet, and may elicit some preliminary comments on the subjects and issues being studied. It will also help us expand our list of interested persons.

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May 7, 1975

MEMORANDUM

TO:

FROM: *eg* Emilia Govan, Consultant on Public Participation,
Oceans Project, Office of Technology Assessment (OTA)

SUBJECT: Meeting on the New Jersey-Delaware Offshore
Energy and Coastal Zone Study

Time: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Date: Tuesday, May 13, 1975
Place: 119 D Street, N. E.
Room A407

I hope you will be able to meet on May 13 with members of the OTA team who are conducting the assessment of possible effects of proposed offshore oil and gas production, floating nuclear power plants and deep water ports, on the offshore and coastal areas of New Jersey and Delaware.

This assessment is now moving from the data-gathering phase into the task of identifying major effects and related policy issues, for the ultimate purpose of providing Congress with objective information about possible consequences of alternative courses of action.

Before undertaking the analysis and evaluation of costs, benefits, impacts, risks, and policy options, the assessment team would like your guidance as to those subjects and issues which are most relevant to the interests and concerns of your organization.

Therefore, the main purpose of this meeting is to discuss:

(1) the types of potential effects of offshore energy development, and alternatives to such development, which you consider most important for analysis in this study; and

(2) the types of procedural, legal and policy issues associated with such development that you feel should be given priority consideration by the assessment team.

Attending this work session will be representatives of national organizations with a special interest in the subjects being studied, and members of the OTA staff and of the contracting firms assisting OTA with the assessment. Those firms are BDM Corp., of Vienna, Virginia; Ecological Analysts, Baltimore, Maryland; and Hittman Associates, Columbia, Maryland. The session will be recorded so that a summary of the discussion can be prepared for the use of the study team and other participants.

In addition, I would welcome any written comments you may wish to make after the meeting or at any time during the progress of the assessment, which is scheduled for completion in October, 1975.

I would also like to know of any suggestions you may have as to how effective public participation and exchange of information in connection with this study can be achieved during the coming months.

Enclosed for your information are the following materials:
- a draft briefing paper and questionnaire which will be distributed to citizens later this month, - the statement of work outlining the scope and contractual limits of the assessment, - a fact sheet on OTA, - and a news release describing some preliminary estimates arrived at by the study team.

If you have any questions or suggestions about the May 13 meeting, please call me at (202) 224-0738.

Offshore Energy Development
Priority Concerns/Interests

May 13, 1975

A. What are the Impacts of Concern to You?

i.e. Social, Economic, Environmental

1. Offshore Oil Development

2. Deepwater Ports

3. Floating Nuclear Plants

4. Combinations

B. What are Your Priorities of Concern and Relative Rating of Risks Associated with These Impacts?

C. How Do You View Current Administrative-Procedures?

Problems-

Possible Solutions-

D. How Do You View Current Legislative Policies?

Problems-

Possible Solutions-

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A WORKSHOP FOR INTERESTED CITIZENS

ON THE

OTA NEW JERSEY-DELAWARE OFFSHORE ENERGY AND COASTAL ZONE ASSESSMENT

Date: Wednesday, August 6, 1975
Time: 1 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Place: Atlantic Community College
U.S. Route 322 (Black Horse Pike)
midway between the Pike's Intersection
with U.S. Route 40 and U.S. Route 50.
Mays Landing, New Jersey

You are cordially invited to meet on August 6 with citizens of the southeastern New Jersey area and with members of the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) study team to discuss the OTA study of potential new energy technologies off the shores of New Jersey and Delaware. The focus of the assessment is on three technologies -- offshore oil and gas development, floating nuclear power plants and deepwater ports -- and alternatives to those technologies.

This study is now moving from the data-gathering phase into the task of anticipating possible offshore and onshore effects of these potential energy-related developments. Part of this task is to identify and analyze the possible costs, benefits, risks, impacts and policy options associated with such developments.

OTA undertook this assessment on behalf of the U. S. Congress in November, 1974, at the request of Senator Ernest F. Hollings, chairman of the Senate-sponsored National Ocean Policy Study. The study is scheduled for completion date in late 1975.

The ultimate purpose of the assessment is to provide Congress with independent, timely information about the possible consequences of alternative policies relating to offshore energy issues. The function of the Office of Technology Assessment is not to make recommendations, but to provide the best possible information about available policy options to the Congress and its committees.

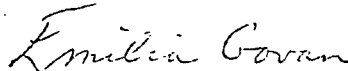
The August 6 workshop is one of several such meetings in the New Jersey-Delaware area intended to provide interested citizens with information about the nature and conduct of this OTA assessment, and to seek information from citizens relative to the potential effects of the technologies under study. Among those being invited to the workshop are citizens from the industrial, commercial, labor, consumer, environmental and public interest communities. The workshop will begin with a briefing by the members of the OTA assessment team, followed by questions and discussion.

We hope that information obtained from workshop participants and through the enclosed questionnaire will assist the study team in identifying priority interests and concerns of those who may be affected by such potential energy-related developments, as well as other interested citizens. We hope that your guidance on these and related subjects will help make the assessment as accurate and thorough as possible.

In addition to the questionnaire, we have enclosed a briefing paper which will provide you with background information for the workshop. Please return the questionnaire by mail or at the workshop.

If you have any questions about the workshop, please contact Mr. John Cooney, Office of the President, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey at 201-932-7823.

Thank you for your interest and cooperation.



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June 10, 1975

A WORKSHOP FOR INTERESTED CITIZENS

ON THE

OTA NEW JERSEY-DELAWARE OFFSHORE ENERGY AND COASTAL ZONE ASSESSMENT

Date: Wednesday, June 18, 1975
Time: 1 P.M. to 5 P.M.
Place: Rutgers University School
 of Business Administration
 Englehard Hall - Room 209
 92 New Street
 NEWARK, New Jersey

(Parking available at garage
on University Avenue)

You are cordially invited to meet on June 18 with citizens of the Northern New Jersey area and with members of the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) study team to discuss the OTA study of potential new energy technologies off the shores of New Jersey and Delaware. The focus of the assessment is on three technologies -- offshore oil and gas development, floating nuclear power plants and deepwater ports -- and alternatives to those technologies.

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The workshop will begin with a briefing by the members of the OTA assessment team, followed by a question period. The rest of the time will be devoted to general or small group discussion of the types of effects -- both positive and negative -- which workshop participants foresee if offshore energy technologies, or alternatives to such technologies, were to be undertaken in the New Jersey area.

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