

**Reviewing and
Permitting New and
Expanding Energy
Sources -- Post Energy
Policy Act of 2005**

2007 Annual Ocean and Coastal
Program Managers' Meeting

Objectives of Session

- Discuss how the new permitting regimes for new and expanding energy sources called for in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 are working.
- Identify successes, major challenges and or common needs?
- Identify needs that NOAA might help address.

Questions For Discussion 1

- What are the data, information, or knowledge gaps related to new and expanding energy projects?
- What have been the challenges to effective coordination of reviews?
- Are there serious timing and sequencing issues among the various permitting processes and federal consistency reviews?
- Are existing authorities broad enough and policies/standards specific enough to adequately develop review and manage new and expanding energy technologies?

Questions For Discussion 2

- Are there identified best practices to avoid, minimize or mitigate impacts?
- Is adaptive management (e.g. basing decisions on data from smaller pilot study to full scale development) appropriate or workable in terms of current permitting, federal consistency requirements?
- What can NOAA do to address info gaps, or improve processes?