



## U.S. Department of the Interior PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

### Introduction

The Department of the Interior requires PIAs to be conducted and maintained on all IT systems whether already in existence, in development or undergoing modification in order to adequately evaluate privacy risks, ensure the protection of privacy information, and consider privacy implications throughout the information system development life cycle. This PIA form may not be modified and must be completed electronically; hand-written submissions will not be accepted. See the [DOI PIA Guide](#) for additional guidance on conducting a PIA or meeting the requirements of the E-Government Act of 2002. See Section 6.0 of the DOI PIA Guide for specific guidance on answering the questions in this form.

NOTE: See Section 7.0 of the DOI PIA Guide for guidance on using the DOI Adapted PIA template to assess third-party websites or applications.

**Name of Project:** Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Connect  
**Bureau/Office:** Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement  
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### Section 1. General System Information

**A. Is a full PIA required?**

- Yes, information is collected from or maintained on
- Members of the general public
  - Federal personnel and/or Federal contractors
  - Volunteers
  - All

No: *Information is NOT collected, maintained, or used that is identifiable to the individual in this system. Only sections 1 and 5 of this form are required to be completed.*

**B. What is the purpose of the system?**

The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Connect system was a program that was going to be piloted by the former Minerals Management Service (MMS)—the predecessor organization which was reorganized in October 2010 into three independent entities: Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE), the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and the Office of Natural Resources Revenue. Public Connect—the public commenting portal of the OCS Connect Project—system was to allow the public the ability to search, view, and electronically submit comments on proposed regulations, lease sales, notices, operational plans, environmental reports, and related documents that were available for comment in the Federal Register.



Public Connect was the only module in OCS Connect that was developed but it never went into production due to the use of the regulations.gov portal instead.

**C. What is the legal authority?**

The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), 43 U.S.C. 1331 et. seq.

**D. Why is this PIA being completed or modified?**

- New Information System
- New Electronic Collection
- Existing Information System under Periodic Review
- Merging of Systems
- Significantly Modified Information System
- Conversion from Paper to Electronic Records
- Retiring or Decommissioning a System
- Other: *Describe.*

**E. Is this information system registered in CSAM?**

- Yes: *Enter the UII Code and the System Security Plan (SSP) Name*  
010-06-01-03-01-0601-00-107-021, OCS Connect SSP
- No

**F. List all minor applications or subsystems that are hosted on this system and covered under this privacy impact assessment.**

| Subsystem Name | Purpose | Contains PII<br>(Yes/No) | Describe<br><i>If Yes, provide a description.</i> |
|----------------|---------|--------------------------|---|
| N/A            | N/A     | N/A                      | N/A   |

**G. Does this information system or electronic collection require a published Privacy Act System of Records Notice (SORN)?**

- Yes: *List Privacy Act SORN Identifier(s)*
- No

**H. Does this information system or electronic collection require an OMB Control Number?**

- Yes: *Describe.*
- No