



## Appendix I : Environmental Mitigation Plan

for

### **Vestas NY Blades Facility**

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Vestas supports the work of the E-TWG and stands ready to work with the group in any way that seems valuable.

#### **2.4.2. Communication with other New York State agencies**

Primary communication will occur in accordance with State designated processes such as SEQR and is anticipated to focus on the permitting lead agencies for clarity of communication. Advance communication with State agencies and Town stakeholders has already occurred and serves as a model for Vestas strategy; early and often communication is a key driver for avoiding conflict in the future and designing the best project that most aptly satisfies all parties. Lead agency determinations have not been formalized, but initial discussions have occurred with relevant parties. Vestas will continuously monitor the need for additional communication to ensure all agencies are informed and included as necessary.

#### **2.4.3. Communication with other stakeholder and working groups**

Vestas' plans for communication with other stakeholders and working groups is described in the Stakeholder Engagement Plan, and Vestas expects the initial list of organizations identified to expand as we continue this work. We are eager to work with representatives in New York to identify the most valuable venues in which Vestas could contribute expertise via working groups.

#### **2.4.4. Communication and collaboration with other developers**

Not applicable for proposed SCIP Facility.

### **2.5. Communication methods and tools by phase**

Please see the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (Appendix II). Further refinement of this section is expected in collaboration with Vestas' customers.

## **3. Supporting Other Research**

### **3.1. Support of collaborative research**

Given that the Facility development is expected to follow established environmental mitigation procedures and methods, limited contribution to environmental research is expected. If the need arises, Vestas will be eager to collaborate with leading experts in the environmental community.

### **3.2. Handing/processing requests**

In as much as the sharing of Project data does not violate previous business critical or 3<sup>rd</sup> party confidentiality requirements, Vestas expects to support all scientific efforts with available data.

### **3.3. Data availability**

A Data Management and Availability Plan will be developed upon award. Vast amounts of environmental data are not expected during the development of the Facility, but all data that is collected will be shared.

### **3.4. Proposed restrictions**

Environmental data related to the Facility development is not expected to be commercially sensitive.

### **3.5. Financial commitment for third party research**

Vestas will coordinate closely with offshore wind developers to understand the expected manufacturer contributions required to support the developer's assessment of environmental research funding that should be allotted to further research. No direct investment from Vestas is expected.

### **3.6. Proposed or existing commitments/collaborations**

Vestas will pursue a number of partnerships in the region upon award to maximize the economic and social contributions possible from a project of this scale. Relationships specifically related to environmental impacts and monitoring have not been formalized at this time.

## **4. Proposed Mitigation of Impacts to Marine Mammals and Sea Turtles**

Neither marine mammals nor sea turtles are not expected to be impacted by the Facility development. This assertion will be validated during the course of a full environmental review conducted via the permitting process post-award.

## **5. Proposed Mitigation of Impacts to Birds and Bats**

### **5.1. Baseline characterization**

Vestas has engaged an environmental consultant to conduct a preliminary review of bird and bat habitats. Their expertise, in addition to resources from the National Heritage Office (NHO) and the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) helped to identify information related to endangered, threatened, or rare species including birds and bats. In addition, the New York DEC website was reviewed to determine the potential for significant natural communities near the site. Furthermore, an onsite field review was conducted to identify key species within the project area.

#### **5.1.1. Available information**

See above.





