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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Inventory Completion Amendment: University of Arkansas Museum Collections, Fayetteville, AR

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; amendment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the University of Arkansas Museum Collections has amended a Notice of Inventory Completion originally published in the **Federal Register** on November 13, 2018 and subsequently amended in a Notice of Inventory Completion Correction published in the **Federal Register** on May 20, 2022. This notice amends the minimum number of individuals and number of associated funerary objects in collections removed from Cross, Mississippi, and Poinsett Counties, AR.

DATES: Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice may occur on or after December 19, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Dr. Mary Suter, University of Arkansas Museum Collections, Biomass 125, Fayetteville, AR 72701, telephone (479) 575-3456, email msuter@uark.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published as part of the National Park Service's administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA. The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the University of Arkansas Museum Collections. The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice. Additional information on the amendments and determinations in this notice, including the results of consultation, can be found in the inventory or related records held by the University of Arkansas Museum Collections.

Amendment

This notice amends the determinations originally published in a Notice of Inventory Completion in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 56371-56374, November 13, 2018) and subsequently

amended in a Notice of Inventory Completion Correction published in the **Federal Register** (87 FR 30990-30993, May 20, 2022). Repatriation of the items in the original and amended notices has not occurred. Accordingly, the minimum number of individuals whose human remains were removed from Rose Mound (3CS27) in Cross County, AR, is nine (previously six individuals were listed). In addition, this amendment lists as currently missing human remains representing nine individuals that had been removed from the Golden Lake site (3MS60) in Mississippi County, AR (previously no individuals were listed as missing). Also, this amendment lists as currently missing one additional associated funerary object that had been removed from the Hazel Site (3PO6) in Poinsett County, AR (previously 52 associated funerary objects were listed as missing).

In 1950, 1967, and another unknown date, human remains representing, at minimum, nine individuals were removed from the Rose Mound Site (3CS27) in Cross County, AR. No known individuals were identified. The five associated funerary objects are five fragments of copper.

At an unknown date, human remains representing, at minimum, 105 individuals were removed from the Golden Lake Site (3MS60) in Mississippi County, AR. Of that number, human remains representing nine individuals are currently missing from the collection. The University of Arkansas Museum continues to look for the missing individuals. No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present.

In 1933, human remains representing, at minimum, 260 individuals were removed from the Hazel Site (3PO6) in Poinsett County, AR. No known individuals were identified. In total, there are 1,319 associated funerary objects, of which 53 objects are currently missing from the collection. The 1,266 associated funerary objects currently accounted for are one abraded, six deer antler tines, one arrow point, one artifact sample, two bone awls, one axe, one basketry fragment, 30 bone beads, two ceramic beads, four crinoid beads, 439 shell beads, 83 animal bones, three bird bones, 118 fish bones, 78 ceramic bottles, 83 ceramic bowls, two non-vessel ceramic objects, two lots of charcoal, two clay lumps, two sheets of copper, one corn cob, nine pieces of daub, three ceramic discs, eight ear plugs, two effigy bottles, 12 effigy bowls, one effigy jar, one shell gorget, 43 ceramic jars, one knife, one antler knife, one bone needle, one copper ornament, one shell pendant, 21 bone pins, three

pipes, 35 gar scales, two samples of sediment, 26 mussel shells, four pieces of turtle shell, 219 ceramic sherds, one painted stone, two textiles, three animal teeth, two twigs, and two partial vessels. The University of Arkansas Museum continues to look for the missing 53 (previously identified as 52) associated funerary objects, which are one deer antler tine, one artifact sample, one bird bill awl, one bone awl, three shell beads, two worked bones, eight ceramic bottles, 12 ceramic bowls (previously identified as 11 ceramic bowls), one ceramic non-vessel object, one lot of charcoal, one sheet of copper, three ear plugs, one effigy bottle, four effigy bowls, one bone needle, one pipe, four mussel shells, one sherd, and six vessels.

Determinations (as Amended)

Pursuant to NAGPRA and its implementing regulations, and after consultation with the appropriate Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, the University of Arkansas Museum Collections has determined that:

- The human remains represent the physical remains of 374 individuals of Native American ancestry.
- The 1,324 objects are reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony.
- There is a relationship of shared group identity that can be reasonably traced between the human remains and associated funerary objects described in this notice and the Quapaw Nation (previously listed as The Quapaw Tribe of Indians).

Requests for Repatriation

Written requests for repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice must be sent to the Responsible Official identified in **ADDRESSES**. Requests for repatriation may be submitted by:

1. Any one or more of the Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.
2. Any lineal descendant, Indian Tribe, or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice who shows, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the requestor is a lineal descendant or a culturally affiliated Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization.

Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects in this notice to a requestor may occur on or after December 19, 2022. If competing requests for repatriation are received, the University of Arkansas Museum Collections must determine the most

appropriate requestor prior to repatriation. Requests for joint repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects are considered a single request and not competing requests. The University of Arkansas Museum Collections is responsible for sending a copy of this notice to the Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations identified in this notice.

Authority: Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003, and the implementing regulations, 43 CFR 10.9, § 10.10, § 10.13, and § 10.14.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Empire Offshore Wind, LLC's Proposed Wind Energy Facility Offshore New York

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: BOEM announces the availability of the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the construction and operations plan (COP) submitted by Empire Offshore Wind, LLC (Empire Wind) for its proposed Empire Wind Project (Project) offshore New York. The DEIS analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the Project as described in the COP (the proposed action) and the alternatives to the proposed action. This notice of availability (NOA) announces the start of the public review and comment period, as well as the dates and times for public hearings on the DEIS. After BOEM holds the public hearings and addresses comments provided, BOEM will publish a final environmental impact statement (EIS). The EIS will inform BOEM's decision whether to approve, approve with modifications, or disapprove the COP.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than January 17, 2023. BOEM will conduct three virtual public hearings. BOEM's virtual public hearings will be held at the following times (eastern time).

- Wednesday, December 7, 2022; 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 13, 2022; 5 p.m.
- Thursday, December 15, 2022; 1 p.m.

Registration for the virtual public hearings may be completed here: <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/empire-wind-farm-deis-project-page-virtual-meetings> or by calling (703) 787-1520.

Registration for the virtual hearings is required. Meeting information will be sent to registrants via their email address provided during registration.

ADDRESSES: The DEIS and detailed information about the Project, including the COP, can be found on BOEM's website at: <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/empire-wind>. Comments can be submitted in any of the following ways:

- Orally or in written form during any of the public hearings identified in this NOA.

- In written form by mail or any other delivery service, enclosed in an envelope labeled "Empire Wind COP DEIS" and addressed to Program Chief, Office of Renewable Energy, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 45600 Woodland Road, VAM-OREP, Sterling, VA 20166.

- Through the [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) web portal: Navigate to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket No. BOEM-2022-0053. Click on the "Comment" button below the document link. Enter your information and comment, then click "Submit Comment."

For more information about submitting comments, please see "*Information on Submitting Comments*" under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** heading below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jessica Stromberg, BOEM Office of Renewable Energy Programs, 45600 Woodland Road, VAM-OREP, Sterling, Virginia 20166, (703) 787-1722 or jessica.stromberg@boem.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Action: Empire Wind seeks approval to construct, operate, and maintain the Project: two wind energy farms and their associated export cables on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) offshore New York. The Project would be developed within the range of design parameters outlined in the Empire Wind COP, subject to applicable mitigation measures. Empire Wind proposes to develop the lease area in two wind farms, known as Empire Wind 1 (EW 1) and Empire Wind 2 (EW 2) (collectively, the Project). EW 1 and EW 2 will be electrically isolated and independent from each other. Empire Wind proposes to construct and operate up to 147 wind

turbines and up to 2 offshore substations with 2 cable routes under the terms of Renewable Energy Lease OCS-A 0512. The lease area is located 14 miles from Long Island, New York, and 19.5 miles from Long Branch, New Jersey. The onshore components of the Project will include up to three export cable landfall areas in New York (one for EW 1 and up to two for EW 2) and two onshore substations. The EW 1 onshore substation will be in Brooklyn, New York; and the EW 2 Onshore Substation A in Oceanside, New York, or the EW 2 Onshore Substation C in Island Park, New York.

Alternatives: BOEM considered 30 alternatives when preparing the DEIS and carried forward 7 alternatives for further analysis in the DEIS. These seven alternatives include six action alternatives and a no action alternative. BOEM rejected 23 alternatives because they did not meet the purpose and need for the proposed action or did not meet screening criteria, which are presented in DEIS appendix C. The screening criteria included consistency with law and regulations; technical and economic feasibility; environmental impact; and geographic considerations.

Availability of the DEIS: The DEIS, Empire Wind COP, and associated information are available on BOEM's website at: <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/empire-wind>. BOEM has distributed digital copies of the DEIS to all parties listed in DEIS appendix K, which also includes the location of all libraries receiving a copy. If you need a flash drive or paper copy, BOEM will provide one upon request, as long as copies are available. You may request a flash drive or paper copy of the DEIS by calling (703) 787-1520.

Cooperating Agencies: The following 15 Federal agencies, Tribal Nations, and State and city governmental entities participated as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the DEIS: Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; National Marine Fisheries Service; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; U.S. Coast Guard; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Department of Defense; Department of the Navy; Maritime Administration; National Park Service; the Shinnecock Indian Nation; New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; New York State Energy Research & Development Authority; New York State Department of State; and New York City.

Information on Submitting Comments: BOEM does not consider anonymous comments. Please include your name and address as part of your