

Scaffolding Questions for Simulated Peer Review of Environmental Impact Statement

Introduction: Questions to Answer

1. To what extent has BOEM succeeded in defending the allowance of ocean drilling? How would you improve the defense?
2. To what extent has BOEM made the case that an EIS is needed?

Questions to Answer: Methods

1. Was enough opportunity allowed for the public to input concerns? Why or why not?
2. Is 5 years enough time to evaluate plans from proposed bidders? Why or why not?

Results: Questions to Answer

1. How do you interpret the fact that only one of the affected states filed items of concern?
2. What do you think was the rationale for alternatives B and C?
3. Did they consider all of the important potential impacts? What might they have omitted?
4. What are the problems with their rating scales of “negligible, minor, moderate, major, and beneficial”?
5. How would this scale, or any other, affect the terms and conditions they might put into a lease contract?
6. In what ways is the poverty of coastal communities relevant to this EIS?