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PRESS STATEMENT

Orsted Cancels Ocean Wind 1 and 2 Projects off New Jersey Coast

Orsted's cancellation of the Ocean Wind 1 and 2 projects off the New Jersey coast is the latest and most dramatic evidence that the offshore wind industry is in turmoil. This announcement by the world's leading offshore wind developer affirms Clean Ocean Action's concerns that ocean industrialization is moving at a reckless pace, fueled by federal and state government fast-tracking. It is all too much and too fast given the entire industry's large scale technological failures, supply chain issues, and major financial challenges, despite government bailouts.

It is long overdue for developers and federal and state governments to take a time-out, pause the reckless exploitation and industrialization of the ocean, and implement good governance, transparency, science, due diligence, and a pilot project.

Clean Ocean Action calls for a halt to any further approvals and authorizations until after the forthcoming Government Accountability Office (GAO) study on offshore wind in the Northeast, robust and critical baseline studies, a pilot project to determine true ecological impacts, and an investigation into the unprecedented whale deaths in the New York/New Jersey region.

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