

Empire Energizer



Sheringham Shoal Offshore Wind Farm - North Sea, England

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Dear Neighbor,

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I have included a fact sheet that further describes these upcoming survey activities. You can also find this information, in English and Spanish, on our website www.empirewind.com.

In case you missed it, I've included two articles below that you might find interesting. One is a *Newsday* report about the future effects of climate change on Long Island, and the other is a *National Geographic* report on recent whale strandings.

Your Community Partner,

Susan Lienau
Director of Community Affairs, Empire Wind 2

FACT SHEET

Upcoming Offshore Surveying

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Short-Term Underwater Sediment Surveying Late June – Early August

About the offshore sediment survey

Beginning in late June, sediment survey experts will sample the seabed along the proposed Empire Wind 1 and 2 cable routes to help planners develop a safe and environmentally sensitive project.

No excavation or dredging will take place, no sonar will be used, and no subsurface sound outside of normal mechanical operation will be produced during this process. Though not shown here, sediment surveys will also take place off Brooklyn for the Empire Wind 1 project.

What are they surveying for?

Up to 35 sediment core samples will be analyzed to inform the design of underwater cables for maximum safety, security, and alignment with the local environment.

When will offshore sediment surveying start and how long will it last?

Surveying is expected to begin in late June and be completed by August 15th, 2023.

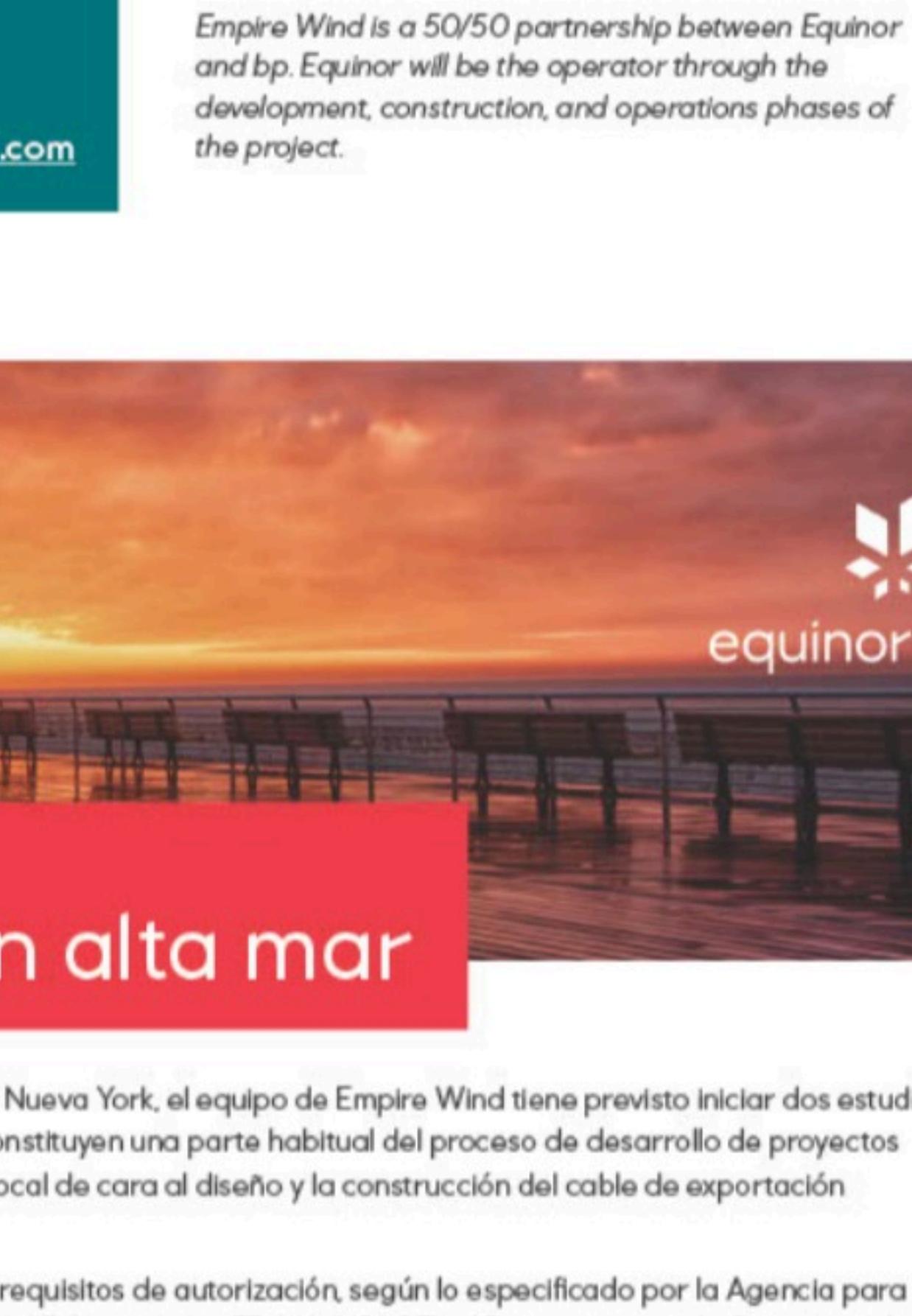
Where is the offshore sediment surveying taking place?

Most surveying will take place two to three miles from shore. The nearest geotechnical sampling will be completed approximately 500 feet from shore between Edwards Boulevard and Long Beach Boulevard.

How is the offshore sediment surveying conducted?

Surveying is completed via jack-up (self-elevating) vessels, which use a small, mounted drill rig to collect 3-inch-wide sediment cores.

OFFSHORE SEDIMENT SURVEY LOCATIONS



What impact could offshore sediment surveying have?

This survey is not expected to have any impact on local wildlife in the air, sea or on land. Recreational or professional activity is also not expected to be impacted by this process, either on or offshore.

Most of the surveying will take place two to three miles offshore and may be visible from shore. The surveying vessels will be most visible during nearshore operations, which are expected to last up to two days. Some lights may be visible at night, and operational sounds are not expected to be noticeable from shore.

If you have any questions or concerns about ongoing survey operations, please reach out directly at empirewind@equinor.com or contact the Empire Wind Information line at (833) 699-1965.

Have a question about Empire Wind?

Contact empirewind@equinor.com

To sign up for project updates, visit www.empirewind.com

Empire Wind is a 50/50 partnership between Equinor and bp. Equinor will be the operator through the development, construction, and operations phases of the project.

HOJA INFORMATIVA

Próximos estudios en alta mar

Como paso clave para llevar la energía eólica marina renovable a Nueva York, el equipo de Empire Wind tiene previsto iniciar dos estudios en la costa sur de Long Island en junio de 2023. Ambos estudios constituyen una parte habitual del proceso de desarrollo de proyectos de energía eólica marina y servirán para evaluar el lecho marino local de cara al diseño y la construcción del cable de exportación submarino del proyecto.

Todas las actividades de estudio se realizarán de acuerdo con los requisitos de autorización, según lo especificado por la Agencia para la Gestión de la Energía Oceánica (BOEM), el Cuerpo de Ingenieros del Ejército de los EE. UU. (USACE), el Departamento de Conservación Ambiental del Estado de Nueva York (NYSDEC) y el Programa de Gestión de Zonas Costeras del Departamento de Estado de Nueva York (NYSDOS).

Estudio de sedimentos subacuáticos a cortoplazo, de finales de junio a principios de agosto

Sobre el estudio de sedimentos en alta mar

A partir de finales de junio, expertos en estudios de sedimentos tomarán muestras del lecho marino a lo largo de las rutas propuestas para los cables de Empire Wind 1 y 2 con el fin de ayudar a los planificadores a desarrollar un proyecto seguro y respetuoso con el medio ambiente.

Durante este proceso no se realizará ninguna excavación ni dragado, no se utilizará ningún sonar y no se producirá ningún sonido subsuperficial ajeno al funcionamiento mecánico normal. Aunque no se muestra aquí, también se llevarán a cabo estudios de sedimentos frente a Brooklyn para el proyecto Empire Wind 1.

¿Para qué se realizan los estudios?

Se analizarán hasta 35 muestras de sedimentos para determinar cómo diseñar los cables submarinos de forma que ofrezcan la máxima protección y seguridad y se adapten al entorno local.

¿Cuándo comenzarán los estudios de sedimentos en alta mar y cuánto durarán?

Se espera que los estudios comiencen a finales de junio y finalicen el 15 de agosto de 2023.

¿Dónde se realizarán los estudios de sedimentos en alta mar?

La mayor parte de los estudios se realizará a dos o tres millas de la costa. El muestreo geotécnico más cercano se realizará aproximadamente a 500 pies de la orilla, entre Edwards Boulevard y Long Beach Boulevard.

¿Cómo se realizarán los estudios de sedimentos en alta mar?

Los expertos de estos estudios utilizarán un gradiómetro para localizar objetos metálicos y otros equipos geofísicos para cartografiar el fondo marino y determinar si hay obstrucciones a lo largo de la ruta prevista para el cable y en la zona de arrendamiento de Empire Wind.

Al igual que con el estudio de sedimentos en alta mar, algunas luces pueden ser visibles por la noche y no se espera que los sonidos operativos sean perceptibles desde la costa.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o duda sobre las operaciones de los estudios en curso, escriba directamente a empirewind@equinor.com o llame a la línea de información de Empire Wind al (833) 699-1965.

¿Tiene alguna pregunta sobre Empire Wind?

Escriba a empirewind@equinor.com

Para mantenerse al día sobre el proyecto, visite www.empirewind.com

Empire Wind es un proyecto con participación igualitaria de Equinor y bp. Equinor será el operador durante las fases de desarrollo, construcción y operación del proyecto.

In Case You Missed It

From Newsday: Rising ocean, bay tides could eventually reshape Long Island — and will alter how we live, work and play, experts say

"...according to climate scientists and environmentalists, who, citing numerous studies, said rising ocean and bay tides will alter how Islanders live, work and play. The pace and severity of nature's makeover is uncertain, and most of the Island — especially inland areas far from the coasts — will be spared the worst of it, experts said. But there is broad agreement that climate change will impact the Island..."

From National Geographic: Dead whales are washing up on the East Coast. The reason remains a mystery.

"The recent whale deaths have fueled misinformation that offshore wind turbines are to blame, but scientists say it's not the true culprit."