

**Summary of Public Scoping Comments Received for DOE/EA-2049  
New England Aqua Ventus I Environmental Assessment**

DOE received 113 public comment letters and/or emails during the public scoping period. The public scoping comments identified in letters and emails are presented below. DOE will use this information to define the scope of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and issues to be analyzed in the EA as appropriate. DOE will notify the public when the draft EA is complete and available for public review and comment.

<b>Scoping Issue Identified</b>	<b>Number of comment letters that addressed this issue</b>
Potential beneficial and adverse impacts to <b>Water Resources</b> including water quality from proposed project construction (cables and turbines), operations and maintenance; and continued use of diesel fuel on Monhegan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water resources include Penobscot River, Monhegan Island aquifer, and marine environment.</li> </ul>	9
Potential beneficial and adverse impacts to <b>Biological Resources</b> from proposed project construction including turbine and cable installation; and operations and maintenance of turbines and cables; and project failure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biological Resources include benthic resources, fish, marine mammals, birds, bats, terrestrial species and protected species.</li> </ul>	56
Potential adverse impacts to people and biological resources from <b>Noise</b> both above and below the water.	28
Potential beneficial and adverse impacts to <b>Ocean and Land Use</b> including commercial fishing; recreation and tourism; navigation; transportation; and traffic.	45
Potential adverse impacts to <b>Aesthetic and Visual Resources</b> including viewshed effects on Monhegan Island from turbines, flicker and nighttime lighting; and Port Clyde/St. George from transmission line and energy transfer facility.	57
Potential adverse impacts to <b>Cultural and Historic Resources</b> including historic sites and the historic and cultural heritage of communities including Monhegan and Port Clyde/St. George.	10
Potential beneficial impacts to <b>Air Quality and Climate Change</b> .	13

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Potential beneficial and adverse impacts to <b>Socioeconomics</b> including economic effects and quality of life.	65
<b>Project Siting</b> concerns including turbine location near Monhegan Island; cable landing on Dead Man’s Cove on Monhegan Island; and/or cable landing/transmission line in Port Clyde/St. George.	44
Potential adverse impacts to <b>public health and safety</b> including impacts to Port Clyde/St. George and Monhegan emergency/fire response capabilities; safety and health risks to people from transmission line fire, exposure to electromagnetic field from transmission line; increased crime; and potential for marine unexploded ordnance.	15
<b>Decommissioning of Project</b> including financial set-aside; project duration prior to decommissioning; and post-project concerns.	4
Potential adverse impacts from <b>project failure</b> including pollution from spills, leaks or project failure and emergency response capabilities.	2
<b>Other comments</b> including education and outreach; future power needs for Monhegan; and concern over expanding scope of the proposed project.	6
DOE also received comments that included specific research or articles; and comments which were not related to defining the scope of the EA. DOE has reviewed all of the comments received and reviewed all research and articles submitted or cited in the comments. DOE will include this information in the draft EA as appropriate.	

## Summary of Scoping Comments Received by Topic Area

