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Josh Kaplowitz, Ben Cowan, Emily Huggins Jones, and Toyja Kelley's article "[Empire Wind 1 Stop-Work Order Targets Offshore Wind but Raises Questions for Other Industries](#)," was mentioned in the April 22, 2025 *New Project Media* article, "RISK: Experts Say Empire Wind's Halt Order is Illegal, Cast Doubt on if Equinor Will Challenge It."

"Rather than relying on a specific regulation authorizing the government to pause construction, the stop-work order to Equinor simply cited the generic standard under which the government must review offshore wind projects," according to [commentary](#) published by the law firm of Troutman Pepper Locke.

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