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Josh Kaplowitz, counsel in Troutman Pepper Locke’s Energy Industry Group, was quoted in the September 5, 2025 *S&P Global* article, “[Trump Offshore Wind Actions Send ‘Shock Waves’ Through Clean Energy Investment](#).”

Josh Kaplowitz, an attorney at Troutman Pepper Locke who served in the Interior Department’s Office of the Solicitor as an attorney-adviser to BOEM’s offshore wind program from 2015 to 2020, said cooperation between the Defense Department and BOEM in siting offshore wind projects is already comprehensive.

“I’ve seen firsthand the rigorous consultation process that goes on between BOEM and the Department of Defense,” Kaplowitz said in an interview. “You actually have two layers of review because leases don’t get issued without Department of Defense weighing in, and I’ve never seen any instance of BOEM disregarding a Department of Defense recommendation in siting of the lease and in the permitting of projects.”

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But Kaplowitz sees the entire industry at risk.

“What you’re seeing here in terms of the disruption of business expectations, there is a reliance on the finality of government decision-making that every business needs across virtually every industry,” Kaplowitz said. “If you can’t make good on those commitments, people are going to stop investing.”

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