

# MRE

## Updates and re-organization

The Arctic Offshore Oil and Gas Management, Regulation and Enforcement page on the PAME website (<http://pame.is/index.php/projects/offshore-oil-and-gas/mre>) was created as a prototype website. From its first release it has stayed much alike, although the PAME website was updated in 2013, giving it a fresh look and easier access to material.

The MRE section has however not been adequately updated, apart from small changes to the overall look of texts to be in line with other sections of the website.

Following a comprehensive overview of the PAME website, there is a need to update the MRE section as well.

Overall the MRE section provides important information but its structure is currently too complicated so additional work is needed to ensure its content is better accessible and easier to navigate. Such additional work would include the following tasks:

- Updates of texts
- Reorganization of information
- Combining subpages
- Work on overall look

Following is the present MRE menu, with a few notes:

### **Home**

*Note: This site needs a little retouch of the text.*

### **MRE's by countries**

*Note: Each country could have only one page, and no sub-pages. They should all look similar and have similar content, with the same set-up, for easy access. Many of the sub-pages are too big, which is unnecessary. Some of the content is too in-depth and can be more concise. Iceland is an example to follow, simple – short texts.*

### **MRE's by Topic**

*Same note as above. Material is too widespread and needs to be changed. And material also needs to be more similar. For example, often the USA-sections are extremely large but other countries very small. Also, there is material missing from numerous sites.*

### **Arctic Council MRE documents**

*Note: Good, but may need updates from SDWG & CAFF.*

### **The International Regulator's Forum**

*Note: Text needs a little update, for example to provide context, i.e why is the text there.*

**Proposed next steps:**

1. To reorganize the menu.
  - ✓ *By taking out the workshop links, and compiling the IRF text to focus on the countries and important links on the **Home** page, effectively making the Menu simpler. A link to the **Home** page is also needed.*
2. Simplifying MREs by countries
  - ✓ *By compiling all material to one page. Links could be inserted at the top for easier access to countries. Simplifying the material and making it more concise would allow for all material to fit on one page. Each country should have a small general text, and then links and short information about each relevant document/authority/institutions etc. A general rule should be that the MRE page gives the general information, but users should visit external websites for detailed information, forms, contacts etc. Iceland is the best example of the eight countries how the information can be organized.*
3. Simplifying MREs by topics
  - ✓ *By simplifying material and portray it on one site, again with links at the top of the site to each topic. Again the general rule should be that relevant material should be on the MRE site, details from external sites.*
4. Arctic Council MRE documents
  - ✓ *Need for a general update to insert more documents if available.*
5. Adding a simple logo (above the menu on the right)
  - ✓ *would make the site more professional, and more stand-alone. A suggestion is embedded below.*

**PAME II-2014 action and proposed RoD:**

Agree to the proposed next steps and member states to provide relevant information and links upon request by the PAME Secretariat.

*New site structure:*  
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*MRES BY COUNTRY*

- USA (link to site material)*
- Canada (link to site material)*
- Norway (link to site material)*
- Russia (link to site material)*
- Faroe Island (link to site material)*
- Greenland (link to site material)*
- Iceland (link to site material)*

**USA**

In the United States, there are Federal and State jurisdictions, each regulated by similar Federal and State laws. Different laws and agencies are involved in the regulatory process depending on where the activity is taking place: onshore or marine areas, State, Federal, Native or private lands, wilderness, parks or forests, or under rivers and wetlands.

**Federal Agencies:**

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)

BOEM is responsible for offshore leasing, resource evaluation, review and administration of oil and gas exploration and development plans, renewable energy development, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and environmental studies.

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Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)

BSEE is responsible development and enforcement of safety and environmental regulations, permitting offshore exploration, development and production, inspections, offshore regulatory programs, oil spill response and newly formed training and environmental compliance programs, and Arctic technology and oil spill research.

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