

MORE OIL DRILLING?

Don't Sacrifice America's Wilderness and Waters to False Promises of Lower Gas Prices

Congress must uphold the decades-old, bipartisan ban on new oil drilling off our coasts and in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge — a ban that has protected the fisheries, recreation areas and wilderness Americans cherish.

The facts speak for themselves:

FACT: According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the impact of new offshore drilling on gas prices would be “insignificant” — now and in the future.

FACT: Drilling permits on federal lands doubled in the last five years while the price of gas almost tripled — proof more permits don't lower prices.

FACT: The U.S. has only 3% of the world's oil reserves but consumes 25% of the world's oil.

FACT: Alaska's waters provide nearly half of all seafood caught in the U.S. An oil spill in the region could devastate the economy as well as the environment.

FACT: The National Marine Fisheries Service recommends against drilling in Arctic waters, noting the lack of safeguards and scientific information.

FACT: Oil companies have no proven methods for cleaning up major oil spills in Arctic waters.

We can't drill our way to energy security.



Opening up our coasts and shorelines to oil rigs will do nothing to lower current gas prices. It will put at risk some of our nation's most valuable wildlife habitats and marine areas. We don't need to sacrifice America's wilderness, oceans and fisheries to perpetuate our addiction to oil. What we need is leadership.

America needs an energy plan that addresses the real issues — one that looks beyond the next gas station, to the future we leave our children.

Tell Congress to uphold the Congressional moratorium banning offshore drilling.



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