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Permanent Protections from Offshore Drilling Benefit New Jersey's Economy & Help Fight Climate Change

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NEW JERSEY HAS
1,792 MILES
OF COASTLINE

WITH A CLEAN COAST ECONOMY
THAT SUPPORTS AROUND

138,000
AMERICAN JOBS

AND

\$8.4 BILLION
in gross domestic product

THROUGH ACTIVITIES LIKE



TOURISM



RECREATION



FISHING

which are threatened by offshore drilling

Off New Jersey's coast, the economically **recoverable oil and gas** resources would only **meet demand** for roughly

6 DAYS OF OIL
AND
5 DAYS OF GAS

New Jerseyites Need a Clean Coast

The Jersey Shore's long stretch of white sand beaches attracts millions of visitors and contributes billions of dollars to the economy each year. Abundant oceans and clean salty waters define coastal communities from Sandy Hook to Cape May, and many locals depend on the vibrant New Jersey coast for a consistent source of income.

Along New Jersey's Atlantic coast are a variety of quiet fishing villages, renowned surf spots, popular boardwalks, and seaside amusement parks. The seafood industry also plays an important role in the region's economy, with several major commercial fishing ports that bring in large catches of surf clams, sea scallops, ocean quahog, black seabass, and flounder.

What's at Risk?

Offshore drilling threatens coastal businesses and economies that depend on a clean and healthy ocean. We can fight the climate crisis and safeguard our coastal economy by advancing clean energy and permanently protecting our coasts from offshore drilling.

A Bad Deal for New Jersey

A catastrophic oil spill, like the 1969 Santa Barbara blowout or the 2010 BP *Deepwater Horizon* disaster, would pose a great risk to New Jersey's coastal economies that depend on a healthy ocean. When toxic oil is spilled, it poisons marine wildlife, causes beach closures, and disrupts lucrative fishing areas. Permanently protecting New Jersey's coast from offshore drilling will safeguard its coastal economies from the next oil disaster.

Offshore drilling for oil and gas is dirty and dangerous and threatens New Jersey's fishing, tourism, and recreation industries, which depend on a healthy ocean and provide consistent revenue year after year when sustainably managed. Oil and gas are finite resources; when the oil runs out, so do the jobs.

Protecting New Jersey's Coast from Offshore Drilling Helps Combat the Climate Crisis

The climate disaster is already wreaking havoc across the United States and here in New Jersey. As a result of increasingly intense and extreme weather, dangerous storm surges push farther inland, expanding their deadly and costly impact. Sea levels are rising and destructive flooding is becoming more frequent and severe. Increased flooding and saltwater intrusion stress coastal wildlife and threaten critical infrastructure, including roads and drinking water supplies.

PERMANENTLY PROTECTING

all federal waters from offshore drilling can prevent **more than**

19 BILLION
TONS of greenhouse gas emissions



EQUIVALENT TO

taking every car in the nation off the road for



15 YEARS

Protecting our coast from new oil development can prevent over

\$720 BILLION
IN DAMAGES TO



PEOPLE



PROPERTY



ENVIRONMENT

THIS WOULD BE LIKE

losing the **entire economy** of a major city, like **Washington, D.C.**, **Boston**, or **Atlanta**, for a year

**Our ocean
can be a
major part
of the clean
energy
solution.**

**RESPONSIBLY SITED
OFFSHORE WIND**

has the potential to generate
MORE ELECTRICITY
than our nation currently demands



Learn More:

We must permanently protect New Jersey's coast from the threat of offshore drilling.

For sources and methodology, please visit:
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