

The Virginia Beach Garden Club

September 29, 2015

Abigail Hopper, Director
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
1849 C Street, NW
Room 5218
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Ms. Hooper

On September 16, 2015, The Virginia Beach Garden Club voted to oppose offshore drilling off of our coast. We feel that our City's beaches and coastal waters are too precious and irreplaceable to submit our beaches and coastal waters to offshore drilling for oil and gas. Our club, now celebrating it's 78th year, has witnessed the growth of Virginia Beach from a sleepy little resort town to a vibrant city. Our 65 active and 30 associate members are committed to preserving the health and beauty of our natural environment for our children and grandchildren and we do not believe that any purported benefits of offshore drilling are worth the risks associated with the process. Exploration for oil and gas would introduce an unnecessary threat to our clean beaches, our estimable quality of life and our economic health.

We thank you for your consideration in this most important matter.

Many thanks,

Lynda Strickler
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