



# **Permanent Protections from Offshore Drilling Benefit Delaware's Economy & Help Fight Climate Change**

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DELAWARE HAS  
**381 MILES**  
OF COASTLINE

WITH A CLEAN COAST ECONOMY  
THAT SUPPORTS AROUND

**29,000**  
AMERICAN JOBS

AND

**\$1.4 BILLION**  
in gross domestic product

THROUGH ACTIVITIES LIKE



TOURISM



RECREATION



FISHING

which are threatened by offshore drilling

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

**8 DAYS OF OIL**  
AND  
**7 DAYS OF GAS**

## Delawareans Need a Clean Coast

Delaware's lively beaches and charming coastal towns are crucial drivers for the entire state's economy. Beautiful beach spots like Bethany, Dewey, and Rehoboth Beach are popular tourist locations in the summer months. The popularity of these coastal communities as a destination for tourists is inextricably linked to Delaware's clean shores and vibrant ocean resources.

The Delaware seaboard packs a variety of recreation opportunities from energetic boardwalks full of seaside entertainment and popular fishing spots to calm bayside beaches and pristine state parks with undeveloped, natural beauty. Healthy ocean resources define the way of life in coastal communities along the eastern shore, and watermen contribute to the local economy by bringing in catches of Atlantic lobster, clams, oysters, striped bass, 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 Delaware

A catastrophic oil spill, like the 1969 Santa Barbara blowout or the 2010 BP Deepwater Horizon disaster, would pose a great risk to Delaware'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 Delaware'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 Delaware'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 Delaware's Coast from Offshore Drilling Helps Combat the Climate Crisis

The climate disaster is already wreaking havoc across the United States and here in Delaware. 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

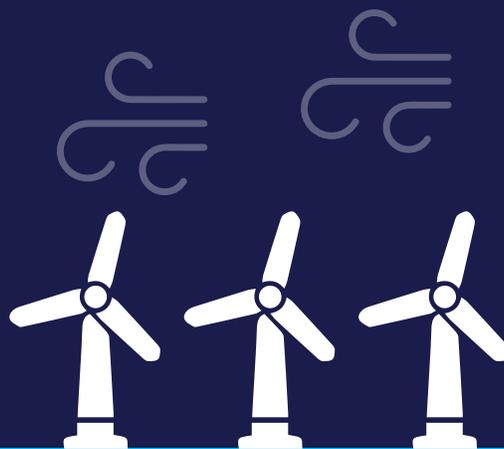
THIS WOULD BE LIKE

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 Delaware's coast from the threat of offshore drilling.

For sources and methodology, please visit:  
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