

Trump Administration Begins Process for New Five-Year Offshore Drilling Plan: All U.S. Coasts at Risk

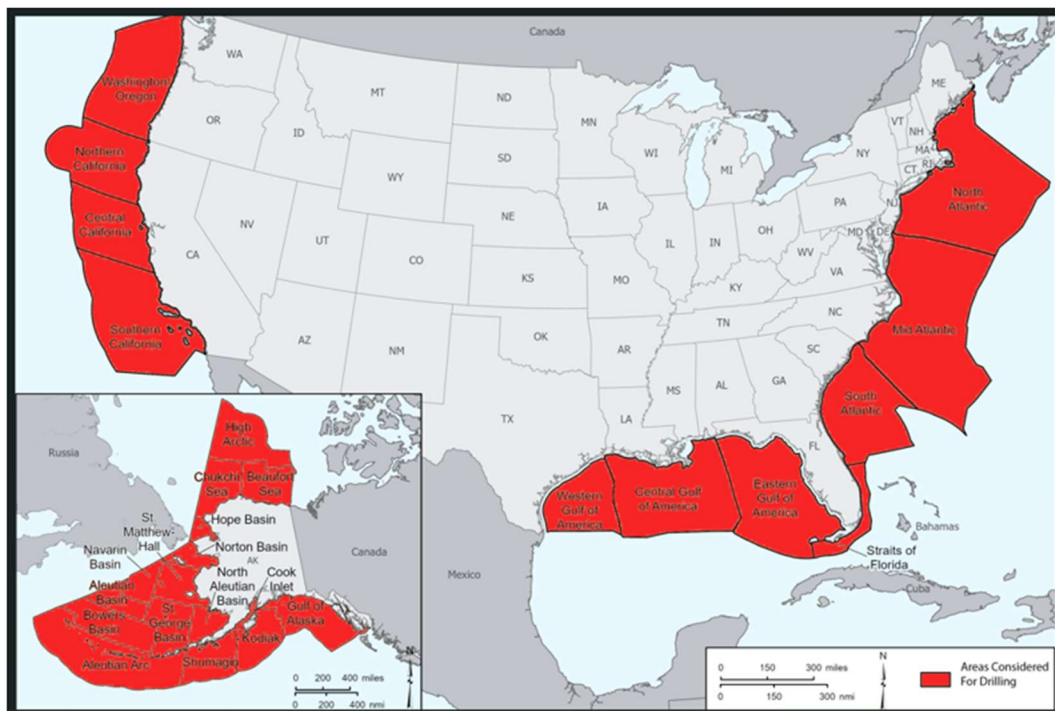
Overview of the “11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program” public comment period on the future of offshore oil and gas drilling in America

On April 18, 2025, the Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announced its intention to begin the process to establish a new schedule of offshore oil and gas lease sales through a new National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Program (Five-Year Plan). This process began with a [Request For Information](#) (RFI) on April 30 and triggered a 45-day comment period that will end on June 16, 2025, to allow stakeholders to provide input on offshore oil and gas drilling.

President Biden finalized the current Five-Year Plan that outlines where the federal government will offer leases in 2024-2029. He also used his authority under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently withdraw 625 million acres of federal waters, spanning the East and West coasts, Eastern Gulf of Mexico, and parts of the Arctic. The Trump Administration immediately attempted to revoke those withdrawals, and this new RFI is the first step toward replacing the current Five-Year Plan to expand offshore oil and gas drilling in U.S. waters.

BOEM is requesting public comments about potential offshore drilling activities, including seismic blasting and oil rigs, in the entire Outer Continental Shelf, including in protected areas such as National Marine Sanctuaries, Marine National Monuments, and past Presidential withdrawals.

All U.S. Coasts at Risk of Seismic Blasting and Offshore Drilling



Five-Year Program Process

The process to develop the Five-Year Plan is well defined and has a number of legally required opportunities for the public to provide input.



Take Action to Protect our Coast and Stop Expansion of Offshore Drilling

Offshore drilling is a forever decision. If we don't act now, the fate of our coasts could be sealed by the oil industry instead of all the businesses, fishers, and coastal communities who rely on healthy oceans.

Considering offshore oil and gas drilling in all areas of every U.S. coast, including currently protected places, is dangerous, unnecessary, and fails to acknowledge the devastating social, economic, and environmental consequences associated with expanding offshore drilling. Offshore drilling is a direct threat to fisheries, wildlife, coastal businesses, and local communities that depend on a clean coast for their way of life and livelihoods. Now is a critical time to speak up to defend our oceans from dirty, destructive offshore drilling for years to come.

The Administration is accepting public comments through June 16, 2025

Two options for submitting public comments:

1. Comment online via Oceana's portal, including suggested comment text:

<https://act.oceana.org/page/170870/action/1>

2. Comment online directly via the Federal Register:

<https://www.regulations.gov/commenton/BOEM-2025-0015-0003>