

explore Offshore

FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Explore Offshore For South Carolina, a project of the American Petroleum Institute, is a new bipartisan coalition dedicated to safe and environmentally responsible access to our offshore energy resources to help supply affordable energy for American consumers, small businesses, and manufacturers. **This broad coalition of community organizations, businesses and local associations has come together to voice support for reliable, safe, and affordable energy.** South Carolinians rely on accessible and affordable energy every day to do everything from cooking dinner and heating their households and businesses to commuting to and from work.

Our Mission

Explore Offshore For South Carolina's mission is to unite supporters of offshore energy development and promote its benefits and its importance to our state's economy and U.S. energy security.



Why Explore Offshore For South Carolina?

The U.S. Energy Information Agency projects that oil and natural gas will continue to supply over 60 percent of Americans' energy for at least the next thirty years. **However, 94 percent of U.S. federal offshore acreage is off limits to oil and natural gas development, leaving a majority of our homegrown energy resources untapped.** Additionally, seismic surveys, which can help us estimate offshore resources, have not been updated in the Atlantic in over 30 years – leaving and the U.S. government with outdated estimates of how much offshore oil and natural gas could exist.

What Could Happen if We Explore Offshore South Carolina



\$113,000 AVERAGE SALARY PAID in the oil and natural gas exploration and development fields.



OVER \$2 BILLION A YEAR SPENT by the oil and natural gas industry directly into South Carolina's economy within 20 years.



NEARLY 34,000 JOBS CREATED spanning across industries including retail, health care, real estate, and food services.



\$1.5 BILLION WITHIN 20 YEARS in cumulative state and local tax revenues due to natural gas and oil industry spending.



\$3.8 BILLION IN ADDITIONAL STATE REVENUE cumulatively within 20 years if a revenue sharing agreement similar to other states is enacted*. This new steady revenue stream could be used to benefit education, roads, and workforce development.

*Assumes a 37.5% revenue sharing of bonuses, rents and royalties similar to Gulf states without an annual cap.

Why Are Natural Gas and Oil Important to South Carolina? Because We Depend On It.



South Carolina is the **5TH LARGEST PER CAPITA** consumer of gasoline in the country – making oil critical to our families and economy



Natural gas use has almost **TRIPLED IN THE PAST DECADE** as it is the key source of electricity in the state, powering homes, tourism, and manufacturing



South Carolina's **LARGEST MANUFACTURERS AND EMPLOYERS** depend on affordable, reliable energy sources such as natural gas and petroleum to power their industries



The U.S. Energy Information Agency projects that oil and natural gas supplies **67 PERCENT OF THE ENERGY AMERICANS' USE** – and total oil and natural gas consumption is expected to grow over the next 30 years
(source: AEO 2018, EIA)

Why Join Explore Offshore For South Carolina?

As long as our economy depends on oil and natural gas, it has to come from somewhere. And that somewhere should be right here at home. Explore Offshore For South Carolina will work to promote our members' support for harnessing our nation's energy potential to help create reliable and affordable energy for South Carolina. We believe that we should have the ability to access our country's homegrown energy resources. We will work with local and federal stakeholders to help supply affordable energy for South Carolina's communities and businesses, while protecting the environment and promoting safety. Offshore exploration will give our nation the ability to access our vital energy resources to help meet growing domestic and global demand while advancing the long term energy security of the U.S. **Will you join us?**

Explore Offshore South Carolina Safely.

Exploring Offshore is safer than ever. Technology has allowed continuous development and improvement of safety standards, programs, new technologies, and best practices to protect workers, the environment and marine life during the exploration process. **Since 2010, more than 100 exploration and production industry standards were created or strengthened.** In fact, offshore operations have safely coexisted with tourism, fishing industries, and the military for decades in the Gulf of Mexico and around the world.

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