

Our Mission

Explore Offshore USA, 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 across the Southeast has come together to voice support for reliable, safe, and affordable energy.** Americans 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.

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



Why Explore Offshore USA?

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resources, have not been updated in the Atlantic in more than 30 years – leaving Americans and the U.S. government with outdated estimates of how much offshore oil and natural gas could exist.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 USA by opening up the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf (OCS):



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



OVER \$20 BILLION A YEAR SPENT by the oil and natural gas industry directly into America's economy within 20 years from Atlantic OCS natural gas and oil exploration.



265,000 JOBS SUPPORTED from opening the Atlantic Coast to energy production. These jobs span across industries including retail, health care, real estate, and food services.



\$85 BILLION WITHIN 20 YEARS in cumulative federal, state, and local tax revenues due to natural gas and oil industry spending.



\$52 BILLION IN ROYALTIES AND LEASE SALES cumulatively within 20 years from Atlantic OCS development if a revenue sharing agreement similar to Gulf states is enacted*. This 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 the United States? *Because We Depend On It.*



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*)



OVER 30 PERCENT of our electricity in the U.S. comes from natural gas.



By 2035 the natural gas and oil industry could create more than **1.9 MILLION NEW HIGH-PAYING JOBS.**



From 1990 to 2016, the natural gas and oil sector invested **MORE THAN \$339 BILLION—\$1,045 FOR EVERY MAN, WOMAN, AND CHILD** in the U.S.—to improve air quality and support environmental programs.

Why Join Explore Offshore USA?

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 USA will work to promote our members' support for harnessing our nation's energy potential to help create reliable and affordable energy for the United States. 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 our 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 the United States 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 have been 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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