



Useful Energy Facts

- Renewable energy sources—hydroelectric, geothermal, wind, solar, and biomass— only met about 7% of America’s total energy needs in 2006. Source: [Energy Information Administration](#)
- Total American Energy Resources Off-Limits (Leasing Prohibited):
 - Natural Gas: 175.28 Trillion Cubic Feet
 - Oil: 1.127 Trillion Barrels
 - Federal Revenue Generated if Congress Unlocked Off-limits Energy Resources: **\$60 TRILLION**
Source: [Department of Energy/Department of Interior](#)
- 85 percent of the Lower 48 Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) energy resources remain under the lock and key of the federal government. Source: [U.S. Minerals Management Service \(MMS\)](#)
- United States expanded its dependence on foreign members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) by a full seven percent in 2007 alone. Source: [Energy Information Administration](#)
- Of the more than 7 billion barrels of oil pumped offshore in the past 25 years, 0.001 percent – that is one-thousandth of 1 percent – has been spilled. Source: ([The Washington Post, 6/5/08](#))
- **69 percent** of Americans support lowering energy prices for U.S. consumers by using U.S. domestic energy sources, such as clean coal and oil, even if it means drilling off our coasts and in Alaska, as well as offering tax credits for American businesses that develop new energy solutions. Source: [American Solutions](#), nationwide survey of 1,000 adults, 5/29-6/1/08
- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administers the 700 million acres of federally owned sub-surface mineral estate, only 6% of which has been leased for oil & gas exploration and development. Source: [The Bureau of Land Management](#)
- The Democrats’ answer to our energy problems is a return to the disastrous Carter era “windfall profits tax.” The evidence proves that the windfall profits tax was a miserable failure that increased, not decreased oil imports:

