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Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Resources by Water Depth

Congress has been considering many proposals regarding oil and gas leasing in the Outer Continental Shelf. The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has received many requests for information regarding OCS resource assessments and the location of those resources in relation to the distance from the coastline. In response to these numerous requests the MMS has published several new illustrations that can be found on our website.

These illustrations, one for each OCS Planning Area in the Pacific, Atlantic, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico, depict the Undiscovered Technically Recoverable Resources (UTRR) by water depth and are based on the MMS 2006 OCS oil and gas assessment data. MMS does not have UTRR data specific to distance from shore. However, lines showing distance from shore have been drawn on the illustration for purely reference purposes only to show the most common mileage increments included in recent legislative proposals. The UTRR numbers have no direct correlation to the distance from shore.

The new illustrations include the following Planning Areas:

[Oregon-Washington](#)
[Northern California](#)
[Central California](#)
[Southern California](#)
[Eastern Gulf of Mexico](#)
[Straits of Florida](#)
[South Atlantic](#)
[Mid Atlantic](#)
[North Atlantic](#)

Other Resource Assessment information, including the source for the UTRR data can be found at: <http://www.mms.gov/revaldiv/RedNatAssessment.htm>

To find out more, visit the MMS website at <http://www.mrm.mms.gov> for information on the MMS Mineral Revenue Management Program or <http://www.mms.gov/offshore> for information on the Offshore Energy and Minerals Management Program, or call the MMS Office of Congressional Affairs at (202) 208-3502.