

Oil and Gas Resources in OCS Areas Unavailable for Leasing and Development

(Revised 5/07 to reflect lifting of the Presidential Withdrawal on January 9, 2007 in the North Aleutian Basin of Alaska and the Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area)

A total of about 574 million acres of the OCS, some of which contain large amounts of recoverable oil and gas resources are off-limits to leasing and development. The moratoria and presidential withdrawal cover about 85 percent of OCS acreage offshore the lower 48 states. The acreage and resource potential associated with the planning areas withdrawn from leasing is shown in the table below. The MMS estimates that the resources in OCS areas currently off limits to leasing and development total 17.8 Bbo and 76.5 Tcfg (mean estimates).

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OCS Areas Withdrawn from Leasing	Area (million acres)	Undiscovered Technically Recoverable Resources (mean estimate)	
		Oil (Bbbls)	Natural Gas (Tcf)
Washington-Oregon	71.00	0.40	2.28
Northern California	44.79	2.08	3.58
Central California	43.68	2.31	2.41
Southern California*	88.99	5.58	9.75
Central, Eastern Gulf of Mexico*	65.87	3.65	21.46
North, Mid and South Atlantic	259.53	3.82	36.99
Total:	573.86	17.84	76.47

* Does not include resources in areas already under lease.