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Hastings Commends Decision Holding Interior Dept. Accountable on Offshore Drilling Moratorium

WASHINGTON D.C. – House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings (WA-04) released the following statement after Judge Martin Feldman yesterday found the Department of the Interior in contempt of court for continuing their moratorium on offshore drilling in the Gulf Coast.

“The federal judge’s initial ruling striking the offshore moratorium and his most recent decision to hold Interior in contempt of court correctly puts the letter of the law ahead of the Obama Administration’s agenda. Hopefully this ruling takes us one step closer to ending the de facto drilling moratorium in the Gulf, which will put people back to work and allow us to start producing more of our own energy at home.”

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