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Anti-Energy Groups Line-up to Support President Obama—Know His Rhetoric on ‘All-of-the-Above’ Energy is Just Talk

As President Obama campaigns around the country claiming support for an all-of-the-above energy plan, his Administration is simultaneously working in Washington D.C. to block and restrict access to American oil, natural gas and coal energy production. While President Obama may be working to fool the American public into believing he supports expanded oil and natural gas production, his most loyal anti-energy environmental supporters know his rhetoric is all just an election year ruse.

It's no wonder then that four of the most ardent anti-energy and political environmental groups—the Sierra Club; the League of Conservation Voters; Environment America; and Clean Water Action—today announced their support for President Obama's reelection. Here's a sampling of how those groups view American-made energy:

Clean Water Action

“Clean Water Action has consistently opposed offshore oil drilling over its entire 35-year history...” – [Clean Water Action](#)

“Certainly we must secure our energy future, but oil shale should not be part of this process. This is not the fuel of the future. It's time we recognize oil shale for what it is, a rock.” – [Clean Water Action](#)

Sierra Club

“It's time to stop thinking of natural gas as a ‘kinder, gentler’ energy source...Ultimately, the only safe, smart, and responsible way to address our nation's energy needs is to look beyond coal, oil, and gas, and focus on clean, efficient energy sources such as wind, solar, and geothermal.” – [Michael Brune, Executive Director, Sierra Club](#)

“We are calling on President Obama to issue a presidential moratorium on offshore drilling.” – [Michael Brune, Executive Director, Sierra Club](#)

Environment America

“As BOEMRE discusses what should go into the Environmental Impact Statement

(EIS) for the next Five Year Drilling Plan, we thank President Obama for his decision to keep most of our coasts free from drilling until at least 2017.” – [Mike Gravitz, Oceans Advocate of Environment America](#)

“But for economic and environmental reasons, we believe that offshore drilling should not be expanded beyond the Central and Western Gulf to areas like the Eastern Gulf of Mexico, the Atlantic Ocean, the Pacific coast, or Alaskan waters.” – [Environment America](#)

League of Conservation Voters

“We commend President Obama for continuing the moratorium on new deepwater oil drilling permits pending the recommendations of the independent presidential commission, which includes delaying leases sales off the coast of Alaska. The ongoing tragedy in the Gulf Coast clearly demonstrates that our dependence on oil – be it from hostile nations or friendly coasts – hurts our economy, threatens our security and harms our environment.” – [Gene Karpinski, President, LCV](#)

“Moreover, lifting the moratorium on off-shore drilling will do very little to reduce our dependence on oil or cut gas prices. It is by far the slowest, dirtiest, most expensive way to meet our energy needs...” – [Gene Karpinski, President, LCV](#)

The question must be asked: *If President Obama truly supports an all-of-the-above energy strategy, why would these groups support him?*

The Answer: They wouldn't.

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