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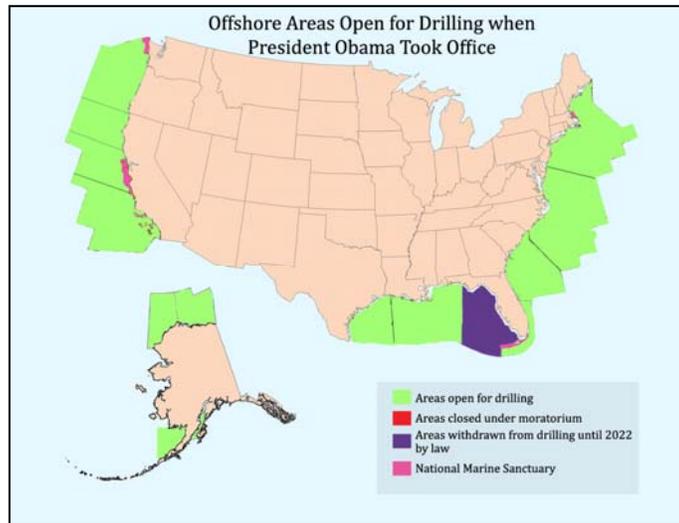
President Obama's Offshore Moratorium on New Drilling

- Since President Obama's first weeks in office, his Administration has actively restricted new offshore energy production – costing American jobs, hurting economic growth, and threatening our energy security.
- In 2008, in response to record-high gasoline prices, Congress and the President acted to end the decades-long ban on offshore drilling – opening new areas off the Atlantic Coast and the Pacific Coast. When President Obama took office, these offshore areas were open for energy production. Since that time, President Obama has systematically taken steps to effectively re-impose an offshore drilling ban.
- In 2012, the Obama Administration implemented a restrictive five-year offshore drilling plan that locks-up over 85 percent of offshore areas. It places the entire Pacific Coast, the entire Atlantic Coast and part of Alaska off-limits to future energy production – as they were before the record gasoline prices in 2008. It includes the lowest number of lease sales ever offered in a five-year plan and cancels the lease sale off the coast of Virginia, originally scheduled to take place in 2011.
- In June of 2014, the Obama Administration announced they were starting the public comment process for developing the next five-year (2017-2022) leasing program for the Outer Continental Shelf. The start of this new five-year plan represents another opportunity for the Obama Administration to correct their past failures and finally put a robust plan in place that opens new areas and puts nearly a million more Americans back to work.
- H.R. 4489, the *Lowering Gasoline Prices to Fuel an America that Works Act*, will send a strong signal to the Obama Administration as they began to write their new plan that they can no longer keep our American energy resources under lock-and-key. We need new policy that will ease the pain at the pump for American families and businesses and eliminate federal government hurdles that block access to our own American energy resources.

President Obama's Offshore Drilling Moratorium

2009

When the moratoria were lifted in 2008, all of the Atlantic Coast, Pacific Coast and areas in Alaska were opened for new offshore drilling. This is how it looked when President Obama took office in January 2009.



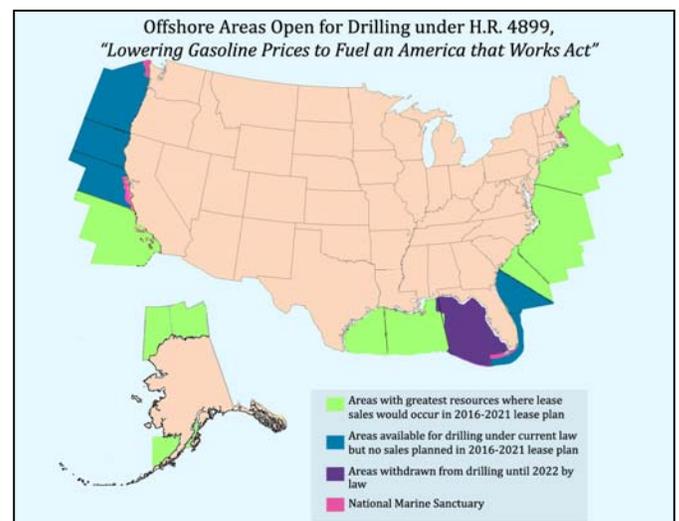
Current Obama Admin Plan

President Obama's current five-year offshore leasing plan that locks-up over 85% of our offshore areas to new energy production.



Republican Plan

H.R. 4899 would expand U.S. offshore energy production and require a new five-year leasing plan that includes areas containing the most oil and natural gas resources.



Which Plan Would You Rather Have for the Next Five Years???