



Hot Air Alert

WHEN DEMOCRAT RHETORIC AND REALITY COLLIDE

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Today, [E&E News](#) reported that:

"The American public is eager for dramatic change in U.S. energy policy, but Democratic efforts to sell their agenda on energy and climate change aren't reaching voters, a prominent Democratic Party polling firm is warning.

"The strategy memo from Greenberg Quinlan Rosner and the think tank Third Way also warns that while few voters expect a national energy overhaul to be inexpensive, Democrats are susceptible to Republican arguments that energy proposals will be overly burdensome."

Ironically, the [12-page memo](#) specifically advises Democrats to:

*"Embrace the **'all-of-the-above'** message on energy policy -- that is, getting energy from a variety of sources, including fossil fuels -- as voters already see Democrats supporting renewable energy development."*

When Democrats regularly try to obstruct American-made energy development, how can they possibly think the American people will believe that Democrats support an **"all-of-the-above"** strategy?

In less than six months, Democrats have already taken a variety of steps to limit the development of natural gas, carbon-free nuclear power, and American-made oil.

Last week, House Republicans introduced [H.R. 2846 American Energy Act](#) - a genuine **"all-of-the-above"** strategy that includes specific measures to encourage development of renewable energy sources, such as wind, solar, hydropower, nuclear and biomass, while also producing more American-made oil and natural gas. If Democrats truly want to support an **"all-of-the-above"** strategy, they will simply hold a vote on the Republican proposal.

DEMOCRAT ACTION TO LIMIT AMERICAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

TODAY Democrats on the House Energy and Commerce Committee are attempting to rush the almost 1,000 page Waxman-Markey National Energy Tax bill through Congress. The current version of this "energy bill" contains no measures to expand production of nuclear power, natural gas, or oil.

May 13th Democrat House Natural Resource Committee staff circulated draft

legislation that would discourage domestic oil and gas production by increasing onshore royalty rates (from 12.5% to 18.75%) and decreasing oil and natural gas lease terms (from 10 years to 5 years).

February 26th The Administration [introduced](#) a budget that contains page after page of taxes on oil and gas totaling more than \$31 billion that will reduce our domestic energy production.

The budget also cut funding for nuclear waste storage at Yucca Mountain.

February 25th The Administration [delayed](#) the new round of oil shale research, demonstration, and development leases that would help advance American technology and create high-tech jobs in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah.

February 10th The Administration [delayed](#) for six months the development of the new 5-year leasing program for offshore drilling that would have created new jobs, produced more American-made energy, and made us less dependent on foreign oil.

February 4th The Administration [withdrew](#) areas offered for 77 oil and gas leases in Utah that could cost American taxpayers millions in lost lease bids, production royalties, new jobs and the energy needed to offset rising imports of oil and gas.

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