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Trump Administration Releases Appalling Plan to Open Offshore Drilling in California

SACRAMENTO – Today the Trump administration announced it will allow new offshore oil and gas drilling in 47 of America’s coastal areas.

Six of these new locations would be in the Pacific Ocean— two off Northern California, two off Central California and two off Southern California.

Kathryn Phillips, director of Sierra Club California issued the following statement:

“The plan to open offshore drilling along California’s coast is ridiculous, but not surprising given the Trump administration’s disregard for public health and the environment.

“Industry trends show that we are moving away from oil not towards oil. Opening up new drilling is bad for the environment and bad for the economy.

“So far, the Trump administration has scheduled only one public meeting about this in California—and that meeting will be located in Sacramento, far from the coast. Scheduling a single hearing to address six new drilling areas in California is a strike against transparency and an attempt to silence Californians.”

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