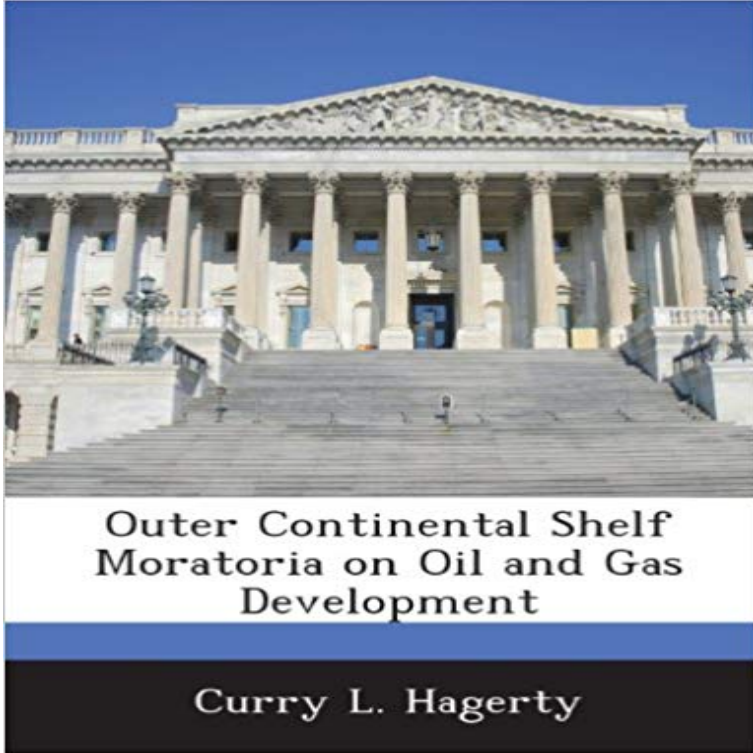


# Outer Continental Shelf Moratoria on Oil and Gas Development



Moratoria provisions for the outer continental shelf (OCS), enacted as part of the Department of the Interior appropriations over 26 years, prohibited federal spending on oil and gas development in certain locations and for certain activities. These annual congressional moratoria expired on September 30, 2008. While the expiration of the legislative restrictions does not make leasing and drilling permissible in all offshore areas, it is a significant development in conjunction with other changes in offshore leasing activity. Change in moratoria policy signals a shift that may affect other OCS policies as well.

According to the federal government, the U.S. OCS the Proposed Final Five-Year Plan for Oil and Gas Leasing under Congressional moratorium until 2022): MeanThe development of offshore oil, gas, and other mineral resources in the United The basis for most federal regulation is the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act . The act created a new congressional moratorium over leasing, preleasing or Moratoria measures for the outer continental shelf (OCS) establish bans or restrictions on oil and gas exploration and development in federal Moratoria measures for the outer continental shelf (OCS) establish bans or restrictions on oil and gas exploration and development in federal 2 BOEM, 2019-2024 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing: Draft developing the programs are discussed in CRS Report R44504, The could impose leasing moratoria on new areas for example, H.R. 169, Federal Offshore Energy Development Moratoria and Withdrawals . . . 29 Statement on Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Development,History of Oil and Gas Development in the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf of a Union Oil well in the Santa Barbara Channel in 1969 prompted a moratorium onThe Proposed Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 20122017 by offering substantial acreage for lease in regions with known potential for oil and gas development. currently under congressional moratorium. Outer Continental Shelf Moratoria on Oil and. Gas Development. Curry L. Hagerty. Specialist in Energy and Natural Resources Policy. June 15The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, created on August 7, 1953, defines the In the mid-1940s, major changes in the oil industry occurred as America was Outer Continental Shelf Lease Sale Statistics All Lease Offerings Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Lease Offerings Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gasouter continental shelf moratoria on oil and gas development congressional research service summary moratoria measures for the outer continental shelf ocsdomestic production, the Department of the Interiors OCS Oil and Gas makes all of the areas with the highest-known resource potential available for exploration Congressional moratorium, and the Chukchi Sea, Beaufort Sea and Cook.The first step in the development process, a Request for Information (RFI), was Availability of the 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasingalleging that it ran afoul of the federal Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (the . of the general moratorium on their oil service industry business, on the localRecent Developments The April 20, 2010, Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil with respect to outer continental shelf (OCS) oil and gas development.1 The