



American Association of Petroleum Geologists Statements

Offshore OCS Access

Issue: Additional areas available for leasing should include those currently under moratoria, off the Eastern, Western, and Florida coasts, where they can be shown to have economic benefit and acceptable environmental risk.

Background: The petroleum industry has demonstrated its ability to protect the environment while safely producing a significant portion of the nation's oil and gas from these offshore areas. It is in the interest of the United States to explore and develop its Outer Continental Shelf and Slope, one of the most prospective areas of the country.

Statement: AAPG supports the full exploration, development and production of the petroleum resources of the Outer Continental Shelf and Slope of the United States.

As a professional, scientific association, AAPG is a credible source of information of interest to a wide spectrum of individuals. AAPG has a proud history of providing information to decision-makers and the public on matters concerning the science and profession of petroleum exploration.

In this role, AAPG has given testimony before the U.S. Congress, provided information to lawmakers on a national, state and local level, and has adopted statements that the association believes are of importance.

The following are the statements that are currently in effect. These were revised or added in June 2007 and will be reviewed periodically. They can also be accessed at: <http://dpa.aapg.org/gac/index.cfm>