

US Oil & Gas Association

Washington, DC

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TO: Members
FROM: Alby Modiano
RE: Gulf Coast Congressmen Urge President to Resume Drilling in GOM

Over the past few weeks we have been meeting, calling and talking with congressional offices from the Gulf of Mexico about the BP oil spill and the effects of the Obama six month drilling moratorium on the economy.

They have requested, and we have forwarded economic impacts information about what it means to continue the ban on drilling for the Gulf and for the nation. Our Division Presidents; Chris John in Louisiana, Ben Thompson in Mississippi/Alabama and Rob Looney have also fielded many of these requests. As I reported before, Chris John has fielded many of these questions during on-air media interviews. Our combined voices, as USOGA, are making a difference.

Congressional action is often slow, but as you can see from the press availability notice below these members are beginning to feel comfortable about speaking out to a large extent based on our conversations, analysis and information. As a result there is a united effort from Members from around the Gulf of Mexico to bring national attention to the consequences of this drilling ban and calling for an end to it at a press conference this afternoon.

If you know any of the Congressmen, thank them for talking their concerns public.

I will keep you informed.

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Gulf Coast Congressional Delegation Urges End on Drilling Ban

Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama Members discuss the economic impact of the current drilling ban

WASHINGTON, DC - Members of the Gulf Coast Congressional delegation will hold a press conference to call for an end to the current moratorium on new deepwater drilling. Congressional members are unified in their support for responsible offshore drilling and continued development of our natural resources. Members of the Gulf Coast delegation will be meeting with Interior Secretary Salazar on Wednesday of this week to discuss the current moratorium and its impact on our region.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 15, 2010

2:00pm EST

WHERE: House Triangle

WHO:

Rep. Ted Poe (TX-02),
Rep. Charles Boustany (LA-07)
Rep. Gregg Harper (MS-03)
Rep. Robert Aderholt (AL-04)
Rep. Joe Barton (TX-06)
Rep. Michael Burgess (TX-26)
Rep. Kevin Brady (TX-08)
Rep. Michael Conaway (TX-11)
Rep. John Culberson (TX-07)
Rep. Ralph Hall (TX-04)
Rep. Michael McCaul (TX-10)
Rep. Randy Neugebauer (TX-19)
Rep. Pete Olson (TX-22)
Rep. Rodney Alexander (LA-05)
Rep. Bill Cassidy (LA-06)
Rep. John Fleming (LA-04)
Rep. Steve Scalise (LA-01)

The six-month moratorium that the Department of the Interior has put on deep water drilling in the Gulf has the potential for significant economic damage to the Gulf Coast and throughout the United States. If this drilling moratorium continues for an extended period of time, analysts predict that well over 20,000 existing and potential new jobs will be lost in the Gulf Coast region.

Many offshore drilling companies and suppliers will not be able to survive this six-month period and will either go out of business or move their employees and assets abroad, further crippling America's energy industry. The second highest single source of federal revenue each year comes from offshore drilling at \$6 billion per year.

Additionally, reliance on foreign oil puts America's national security at risk. If it is not coming from off the coast of our shores where we can responsibly oversee the production, it is going to come from abroad, often from the Middle East and other volatile areas of the world.