

[From: Jack Gerard, API](#)
[Sent: 2/11/2015 10:41:24 AM](#)
[To: Haley, Nikki](#)
[Cc:](#)
[Subject: South Carolina's Offshore Opportunity](#)

[Click to view this email in a browser](#)

<http://hosted.verticalresponse.com/211736/9a0011f631/1474728883/2505242c36/>

<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/a4ebdcd94b>
https://8fb9d84cf9-custmedia.vresp.com/9a0011f631/7da1c4961c/library/02_Header.jpg
https://8fb9d84cf9-custmedia.vresp.com/9a0011f631/7da1c4961c/library/03_Header.jpg
<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/ade275414f>
<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/f664ce827a>
<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/8de67821bd>
https://8fb9d84cf9-custmedia.vresp.com/9a0011f631/7da1c4961c/library/07_Spacer.jpg
https://8fb9d84cf9-custmedia.vresp.com/9a0011f631/7da1c4961c/library/08_Spacer.jpg
https://8fb9d84cf9-custmedia.vresp.com/9a0011f631/7da1c4961c/library/09_Spacer.jpg

February 11, 2015 **Safety is Top Priority in Offshore Energy**

Working together, the industry and government have made great strides in continually improving offshore safety. Learn more about the [Center for Offshore Safety](#) <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/16c082f681> and [industry's comprehensive safety improvement efforts](#) <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/d6b7610cbd>.

<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/691f57ee2b>

Follow our Blog to stay up-to-date

To stay up-to-date on the latest energy-related news, there is no better place to check than [the Energy Tomorrow Blog](#) <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/abb506d542>.

<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/705ef3bebe>

South Carolina's Offshore Opportunity

Dear Nikki,

The Obama administration's new five-year plan for [offshore energy](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/a6113393b6) is making headlines for allowing energy exploration in the Atlantic for the first time in decades. Although it's a positive step, the plan doesn't go nearly far enough in allowing access to the [87 percent](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/07945ef785/section=energy-and-opportunity-in-the-eastern-gulf) of federal offshore acreage that is off limits to development.

The Interior Department's offshore oil and natural gas leasing plan for 2017-2022 only includes one potential Atlantic lease sale – six years from now. And [promising areas](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/58731f3ef5) in the Pacific, Arctic and Eastern Gulf of Mexico remain locked away – along with hundreds of thousands of jobs and billions in economic growth.

[A new poll of South Carolina registered voters](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/954ff1a4e3) shows 71 percent support offshore energy development and recognize its many benefits:

[A new poll of South Carolina registered voters](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/ecceca72d4) shows 71 percent support offshore energy development and recognize its many benefits:

- 88 percent agree increased oil and natural gas production could strengthen America's energy security.
- 82 percent agree that producing more U.S. oil and natural gas could help lower energy costs for consumers.
- 82 percent say increased oil and natural gas production could benefit federal and state budgets through lease payments, royalty fees and other sources of revenue.
- 59 percent say that the federal government does not do enough to encourage U.S. oil and natural gas development.

We'll never reach our full potential as an energy superpower by keeping so many of our resources locked away.

Sincerely,

Jack Gerard
President and CEO
API

GET INVOLVED

<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/2b4368e106>

<<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/898c775972>>
SIGN UP

<<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/3a4b891605/pageSequence=1&briefName=api>> [Get The API SmartBrief <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/10afdd209f/pageSequence=1&briefName=api>](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/10afdd209f/pageSequence=1&briefName=api)

A smart way to stay on top of oil and natural gas industry news.

AFFILIATED PROJECTS

<<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/84dc39902e>> <<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/12ac1cf5ea>> <<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/a1db82c1b9>> <<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/49d8feb72>> <<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/59dd20230b>>

GET INVOLVED

America's oil and natural gas industry is creating jobs, stimulating the economy through investments in energy development and fueling our modern way of life. Sign up with one of our social action networks today to make your voice heard.

<<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/8d13de00a9>> <<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/f97c150d70>>

<<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/e6832238c9>>
<<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/e9e87eb8a0>>
Natural Gas

<<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?JackGerardAPI/9a0011f631/2505242c36/4c74cfa62d>> Oil

Energy Tomorrow is a project of the American Petroleum Institute – the only national trade association that represents all aspects of America's oil and natural gas industry – speaking for the industry to the public, Congress and the Executive Branch, state governments and the media. Rapid growth in natural gas production, thanks to vast shale deposits and hydraulic fracturing, is reviving America's manufacturing and other sectors while helping reduce U.S. carbon emissions to a 20-year low. U.S. crude oil production has reached its highest point since 1997, due to production from shale and other tight rock formations,