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## New Study Confirms Major Job Growth from Offshore Energy

Dear Kevin,

New economic analysis [confirms](#) that developing more of America's offshore natural gas and oil resources could create jobs, spur economic investment and increase revenues – not just in [coastal states](#) but across the nation.

America's natural gas and oil industry supports [10.3 million nationwide jobs](#) across a range of industries. It comes as no surprise that we could generate hundreds of thousands of additional jobs by opening some of the 94 percent of federally controlled offshore acreage that is currently off limits to responsible energy development.

The new studies, conducted by Calash and Northern Economics, break down the specifics by region. Over a 20-year period after initial lease sales, the studies' projections show development in four offshore regions could support major economic activity and nationwide job growth, including:

*Eastern Gulf of Mexico*

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