

UNLEASHING ONSHORE ENERGY

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TOPLINE: The One Big Beautiful Bill (OB BB) unlocks America's onshore energy potential by requiring additional oil and gas leases on public land.

BACKGROUND: The U.S. is abundantly endowed with energy resources, including an [estimated](#) 29 billion barrels of oil, 392 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, and 8.4 billion barrels of natural gas liquids located on federal lands. Alaska, New Mexico, Nevada, Wyoming, and Texas [hold](#) the largest oil resources on federal lands while Alaska, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Texas lead in natural gas resources. Federal lands [accounted](#) for 14% of U.S. oil production and 10% of natural gas production in FY 2024, making a meaningful contribution to reliable and affordable American energy.

What OB BB Does:

- [Decreases](#) the minimum oil and gas royalty rate from 16.66% to 12.5%.
- [Requires](#) at least four oil and gas lease sales each fiscal year in each of these states: Wyoming, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Nevada, and Alaska.
- [Requires](#) at least four oil and gas lease sales in the Coastal Plain region in Alaska and at least five in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska within 10 years.

Why It Matters?

- More oil supply makes goods and services more affordable. Each barrel of crude oil [produces](#) about 20 gallons of gasoline, 12 gallons of diesel, 4 gallons of jet fuel, and other petroleum products.
 - Lower costs are reflected in everything from food prices to shipping costs to air travel.
- Onshore oil and gas development on federal lands provided almost [250,000](#) U.S. jobs as of 2022. Expanding onshore oil leases will expand American job opportunities.
- States benefit, receiving [50%](#) of bid payments, production royalties, and other revenues from federal oil and gas leases. These funds help finance government services to Americans or reduced state taxes.

Where Can I Find the Changes? OB BB Section [50101](#), [50104-50105](#);
[30 U.S.C. § 226](#), [16 U.S.C § 3143](#), [42 U.S.C. § 6506a](#).

BOTTOMLINE: Congress helped American workers and consumers by unlocking more lands for oil and gas development, prioritizing energy affordability and quality American jobs.

