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Governor Richardson Blasts Bush Administration's Call to End Moratorium on Off-Shore Oil Drilling in Pristine Coastal Areas

(Santa Fe, NM) Today, Governor Bill Richardson issued the following statement in response to President Bush's call to lift the moratorium on off-shore oil drilling:

“Lifting the moratorium on off-shore oil drilling of our most pristine coastal waters is another bad idea by this administration. This president's response for every energy problem is to drill and we can't drill our way out of this. It will take 10 years to fully get that oil out of the ocean, and prices wouldn't drop until 2030. Even John McCain's senior advisor acknowledged today that new offshore oil drilling wouldn't help lower current gas prices.

We need to aggressively pursue responsible options like energy conservation, better fuel efficiency for vehicles, investments into bio-fuels, and incentives for renewable energy such as solar and wind.”