

Governor's Statements on Trump Administration's decision to open waters for offshore drilling

After the Trump Administration announced their decision to lift the ban on offshore drilling, the Northeast Governors strongly rejected the proposal.

Connecticut – Governor Malloy: “This is yet another disgraceful and unnecessary action from an administration that has taken us light years backward in the fight against climate change. It stands only to hurt Connecticut's economy, our natural resources, and our coastal communities. We need a federal government that will stand up and protect our environment. Sadly, this president has once again put special interests before people.”

<http://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/Press-Room/Press-Releases/2018/01-2018/Gov-Malloy-Lt-Gov-Wyman-and-Commissioner-Klee-Blast-Trump-Plan-to-Roll-Back-Off-Shore-Drilling-Ban>



Gov Malloy and Coastal Governors Tell Trump Administration No to Offshore Drilling

Massachusetts: “Governor Baker made clear to Secretary Zinke over six months ago that the administration opposes offshore drilling in the North Atlantic and is pleased to see that the Department of the Interior cites the Governor's opposition in their recently released draft report,” said Brendan Moss, Baker's deputy communications director.

[Massachusetts congressional delegation urges Gov. Charlie Baker to reject Trump administration's offshore drilling plan \(Mass Live\)](#)

New Hampshire: Gov. Chris Sununu told reporters that “of course” he was against drilling off the New Hampshire coast.

[https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2018/01/06/sununu-opposes-trump-administration-offshore-drilling-plan/G2aAR1p2w5dyrZixcrDazK/story.html \(Boston Globe\)](https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2018/01/06/sununu-opposes-trump-administration-offshore-drilling-plan/G2aAR1p2w5dyrZixcrDazK/story.html)

New York – Governor Cuomo: “New York doesn't want drilling off our coast either. Where do we sign up for a waiver @SecretaryZinke?” Cuomo tweeted.

<https://twitter.com/NYGovCuomo/status/949068426915454976>

[Governor Cuomo Issues Letter Calling on U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke to Exempt New York from Offshore Drilling Plan](#)

Rhode Island – Governor Raimondo: “The President is endangering the health of nearly all coastal waters in our country, including our 400 miles of coastline in Rhode Island, so that rich oil companies can get richer. The North Atlantic region is home to one of the most productive and sensitive marine ecosystems in the world, not to mention Rhode Island's tourism, recreation and fishing industries. We've taken action over the past few years to decrease our reliance on fossil fuels and invest in alternative energy sources. We are home to the nation's first offshore windfarm. We cannot take this step backwards. Now is the time for Rhode Islanders to make their voices heard and tell President Trump to protect our waters.”

[Governor Statement on President's Decision to Open Up East Coast Waters for Offshore Drilling](#)

[Rhode Island governor wants waiver on offshore drilling \(AP\)](#)

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[Zinke talks with more governors about offshore drilling plan \(The Hill\)](#)

[States call for the Fla. treatment in their case against drilling \(E&E News\)](#)

[Governors, including Raimondo, waiting for offshore drilling meeting with administration \(Providence Journal\)](#)