

**VIRGINIA
OFFSHORE
ENERGY**

WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES

Virginians are committed to building and sustaining our communities through economic growth, public services, infrastructure development, and environmental protection. One way that we can achieve these goals is through the safe and responsible development of our natural gas and oil resources in the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).



\$101K

**AVERAGE
SALARY**



\$2.1B

**TO VIRGINIA
ECONOMY**



+100

**INDUSTRY STANDARDS
CREATED/STRENGTHENED**

STRENGTHENING THE ECONOMY

Atlantic OCS energy development could support nearly 25,000 new jobs, including retail, healthcare, and food services; and jobs that pay an average of \$101,000. A projected \$2.1 billion boost in economic activity could generate government revenue to build schools, roads and infrastructure.¹

PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY

More than 100 industry standards have been created or strengthened since 2010 and continue to be augmented through joint industry and government efforts. Industry and government continually work together to implement advanced technologies, stringent standards, best practices, and robust regulations to ensure safety and environmental protection.

LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY

Offshore energy development workers also live in the communities where the work is being done. So, not only do they benefit economically from energy development, they also have a vested interest in protecting Virginia's shores and the lives of their neighbors.

WORKING WITH THE MILITARY

The natural gas and oil industry has a long history of working with the Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of the Interior (DOI) to ensure that offshore energy development and military operations can coexist.

PROTECTING THE VIEW

Virginia has spectacular Atlantic ocean views and these will be protected. Drilling rigs are anticipated to be located significantly farther than the roughly 25 miles a person can see from land.



330FT



3 MILES

25 MILES



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