



American Energy Initiative

With gasoline prices rising once again, Republicans are taking real action to put in place an all-of-the-above energy strategy that will increase American energy production, bring down rising prices, create jobs, and make America less dependent on foreign regimes.

Americans want Washington to get out of the way so we can produce more American energy, lower gasoline prices, and help small businesses begin hiring again. To answer that call, Republicans have announced the American Energy Initiative, an ongoing effort focused on the simple solutions we need for a sensible, all-of-the-above energy policy:

- Stopping government policies that are driving up energy prices;
- Expanding American energy production to lower costs and create more jobs; and
- Promoting an all-of-the-above strategy to increase all forms of American energy.

INSTEAD OF EMBARGOING AMERICAN ENERGY FROM OURSELVES...

- The Obama administration has slowed new American energy production to a crawling pace, refusing to grant permits and imposing costly new regulations.
- 2010 oil production on federal lands was 16 percent lower than the Energy Information Administration had projected it would be.
- The number of new oil and natural gas leases granted in 2010 was just over half the number granted in 2008.
- Meanwhile, the administration is proposing a series of costly regulations on refineries and other facilities that would make gasoline cost even more.
- Permitting delays and red tape have prevented oil production off the coast of Alaska and the Gulf States.
- Bureaucratic delays at the State Department have prevented construction of the Keystone XL pipeline from Canada to the U.S., which means we are losing access to thousands of jobs and millions of barrels of oil.

REPUBLICANS ARE PROMOTING AMERICAN ENERGY PRODUCTION

- Through the American Energy Initiative, Republicans are calling for common-sense solutions that will increase the amount of energy produced here at home.

- We want to cut through the red tape and break down bureaucratic barriers to American energy production. Government should be promoting America's energy resources, not blocking their development.
- We have held dozens of hearings in the first few months of 2011 to identify the flawed policies are standing in the way of greater American energy independence.
- We have offered specific legislation to eliminate permitting delays, block regulations that will drive up prices, and move forward on leases to allow energy exploration and development.
- In the coming months, Republicans will continue working through the American Energy Initiative to promote the responsible development of all forms of energy – a strategy that will help eliminate uncertainty, bring down prices, and position America for greater energy independence now and into the future.