Oil and natural gas development in the Atlantic could create 25,000 jobs in Virginia and raise nearly $1.9 billion for the state budget by 2035 with revenue sharing in place.


Projected Employment Gains for Virginia

What They Are Saying About Offshore Oil & Natural Gas in Virginia

**What the Officials Say**

**Mark Warner, U.S. Senator**
“Let’s go ahead and look and explore what is off the coast of Virginia.”

**Tim Kaine, U.S. Senator**
“Development of offshore resources will be beneficial to Virginia’s economy and our nation’s energy security.”

**Terry McAuliffe, Governor**
“Today’s announcement … is a positive step toward responsible offshore energy development that will create jobs and economic activity, while helping our Commonwealth diversify its energy resources.”

**Scott Rigell, U.S. Representative**
“We can grow our local and national economies and create 25,000 good-paying jobs for Virginians if we properly leverage our offshore resources.”

**Bryan Stephens, Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce President and CEO**
“It is this need for new options to reinvigorate our workforce and kick start our economy that drives our position to support responsible offshore energy exploration.”

Support from Virginia Voters

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Seismic Surveys

The first step in exploring for offshore oil and natural gas resources is often conducted through seismic surveys, which are like ultrasounds of the earth. This safe and proven technology is also used by the U.S. Geological Survey, the National Science Foundation, and the offshore wind industry.

Anti-oil and gas activists are spreading misinformation about seismic surveys. Here’s what a top government scientist had to say about their claims.

**Dr. William Y. Brown, Chief Environmental Officer at the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management**
“I think those assertions are wildly exaggerated and not supported by the evidence.”

— National Geographic, August 9, 2014

Harris Poll of 624 registered voters on January 13-15, 2015