



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND HAZARDOUS WASTES  
ASSEMBLY LONG ISLAND SOUND TASK FORCE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**SUBJECT:** Impacts of the Proposed Federal Offshore Drilling Authorization on New York

**PURPOSE:** To examine the impacts of a federal offshore natural gas and oil lease authorization on New York's environment.

**Long Island**  
Legislative Auditorium  
William H. Rogers Building  
725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown  
Wednesday  
February 14, 2018  
10:30 a.m.

On January 4, 2018, the United States Department of the Interior announced plans for the expansion of natural gas and oil drilling through the potential lease of acreage in federal offshore areas such as the Atlantic Region, which includes New York State. The purpose of this hearing is to examine the implications for New York's environment, including but not limited to, water quality, coastal management, fishery impacts, and the potential for increased oil spills and pollution if such lease authorizations and subsequent drilling occur.

Persons wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Committees at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to ten minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements. In order to further publicize these hearings, please inform interested parties and organizations of the Committees' interest in hearing testimony from all sources.

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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on the Impacts of the Proposed Federal Offshore Drilling Authorization to be conducted by the Assembly Committee on Environmental Conservation, the Commission on Toxic Substances and Hazardous Wastes, and the Long Island Sound Task Force on February 14, 2018.
  
- I plan to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to ten minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement. I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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