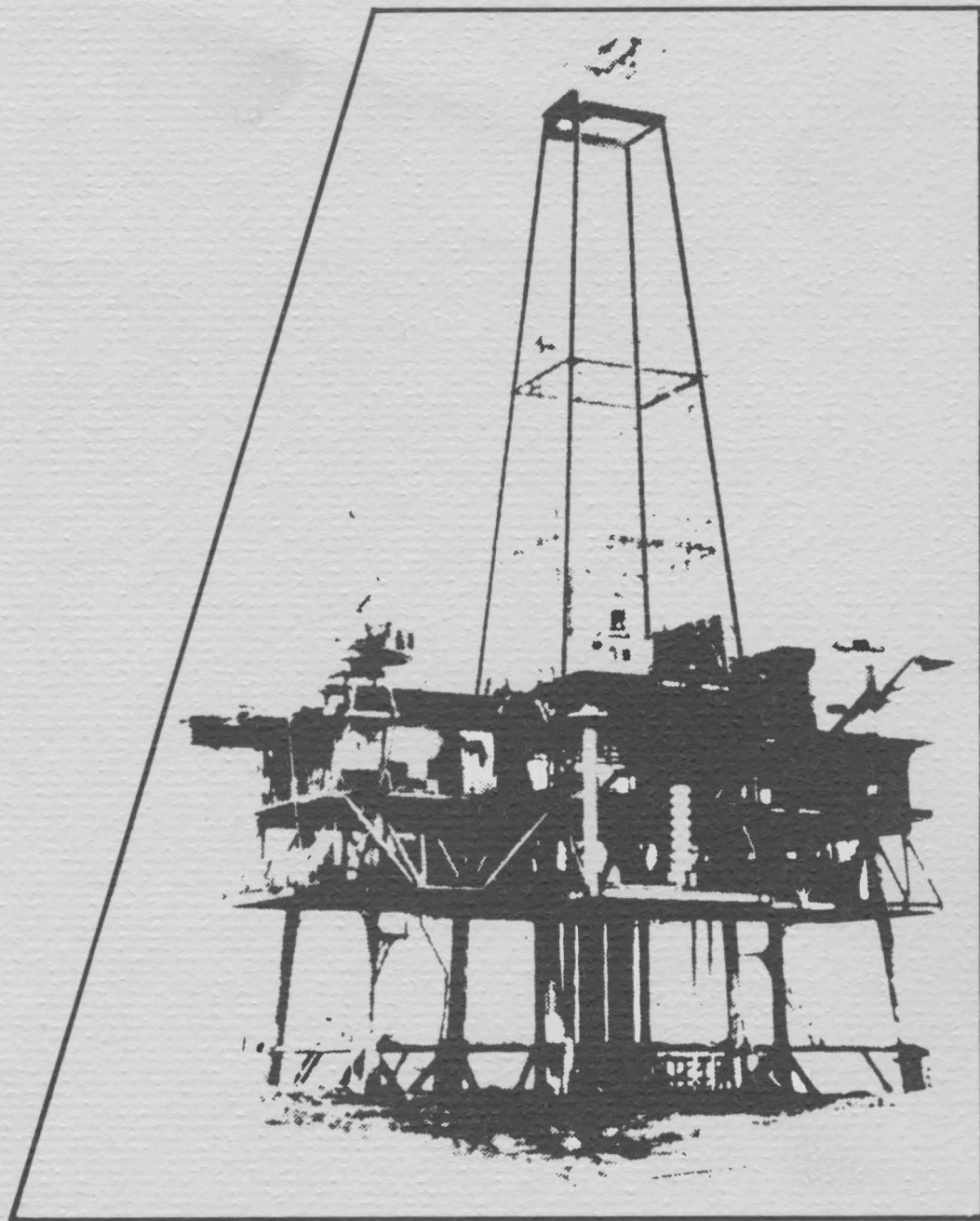


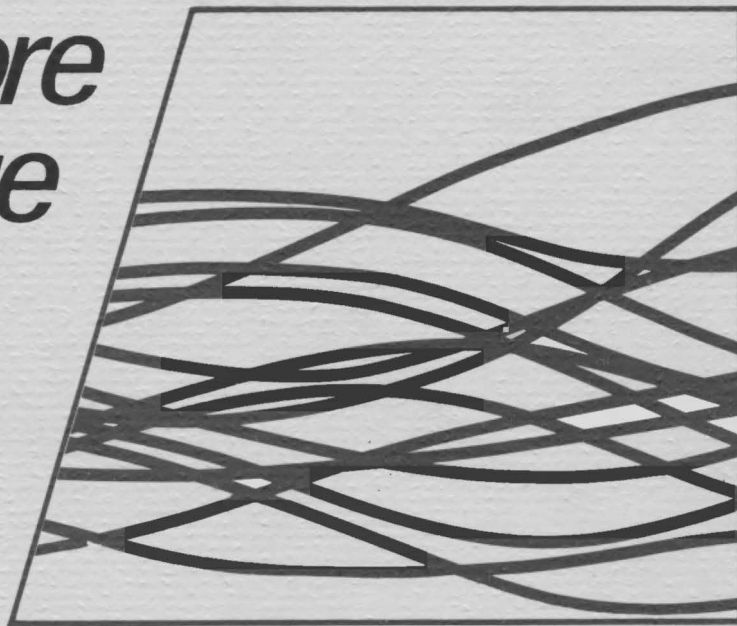
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## INTRODUCTION



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Since the late 1940s, the development of petroleum resources in the U.S. outer continental shelf (OCS) region has increased, until today, this area accounts for more than 12 percent of total U.S. petroleum production. The major portion of this development and production has been offshore from Louisiana, although it is believed that important supplies of petroleum are located beneath the OCS regions adjacent to other states, as well. These resources will be developed as the demand for petroleum continues to increase and as the need to develop new supplies in order to maintain a domestic base for petroleum consumption becomes even more pressing.

The development of petroleum resources from OCS regions produces both economic benefits and costs for adjacent coastal states. One of the major benefits is increased employment and associated incomes for people in the region, while the primary cost of such development stems from the increased demand for governmental facilities and services. The development of these petroleum resources is of particular concern because the activity is beyond the taxing authority of both state and local governments. Although corporations engaged in OCS activity must pay bonuses and royalties to the federal government, these benefits are not automatically shared with that state where the demand for state and local governmental service occurs. As a result, the increased demand for governmental facilities and services from local governments is made more severe by the inability to reach all of those responsible for the increased costs.

This study evaluates the impact of OCS activity on state and local governments in contiguous coastal states. The situation in Louisiana is examined in detail in order to determine the cost of governmental services associated with the large amount of activity in the OCS region and to indicate what other coastal states might experience

as their OCS regions are developed. This is done in the context of an understanding of the physical relationship of the OCS to the coastal areas, the petroleum potential of various OCS regions, and the national energy crisis.

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It is believed that large amounts of oil and gas are available for potential development in offshore regions of the United States. At the present time, the United States has the right, according to international guidelines, to mine resources from the outer continental shelf (OCS) region out to the point where the water is approximately 200 meters deep. The distance from shore at which the 200-meter depth is encountered varies from one coastal area of the United States to another. In the case of the Gulf, Atlantic, and Alaskan coasts, it extends far beyond the territorial boundaries of the nation. Although most of the OCS petroleum production and development to date has been in the OCS region offshore from Louisiana, Texas, and California, there is an indication that significant reserves occur in other regions, as well.

The continued development of domestic petroleum resources both inland and offshore is made especially critical by the fact that the nation is now facing an energy crisis which already has required the importation of large amounts of petroleum from foreign countries. Since these importations and continued U.S. dependency on foreign sources have grave implications in terms of the U.S. balance of payments and national security, increased emphasis will undoubtedly be placed on future development of the OCS region, as well as inland sites. This new emphasis was expressed in the President's Special Energy Message in the spring of 1973.

The development of offshore petroleum resources is beneficial to adjacent states and local governments in that it increases the number and types of jobs and leads to higher income levels. This benefit is offset, to a degree, by the costs of increased governmental facilities and services brought about by the influx of population and industry. Although environmental considerations are of importance in this matter, this report does not include these considerations, since it is believed that they can be handled better by one of the several federal governmental agencies specifically concerned with such matters. New techniques,

surveillance, and regulation standards have substantially reduced the potential of environmental damage. Furthermore, the artificial reef effect of offshore platforms appears to have contributed favorably to commercial and recreational fishing activities.

The costs imposed on state and local governments as a result of OCS activities is of special concern since these governments are prohibited from taxing those activities which occur more than three nautical miles from the coast. The only exceptions are in the case of Texas and Florida, where the boundary is defined as being three leagues from shore (approximately 10.5 nautical miles). In the case of Louisiana, more than \$267 million in income, sales, use, ad valorem, and severance taxes were foregone in 1972 because of this lack of taxing authority.

The cost of governmental services can be related to employment and population associated with OCS development. In Louisiana, for example, OCS production directly induces employment in the areas of mining, manufacturing, construction, chemicals production, and refining. These employees, in turn, induce employment in a wide range of service and trade industries. In all, it is estimated that the total employment impact of OCS activities in Louisiana is approximately 124,400 employees. When the families of these workers are included, the population impact is estimated to be approximately 391,000. In order to cover the increased governmental expenditures stemming from this additional population, the state and the local governments involved would have to collect more than \$265 million in taxes from these individuals and the firms for which they work.

At the present time, the only taxes available to pay for these governmental services are collected by the state from inland operations and employees. Although the companies directly involved in OCS production pay large sums to the federal government in the form of bonuses and royalties, these are not shared with the states providing the services and facilities used. There is presently no equivalent sharing of revenues from federal OCS activities as the 37-1/2 percent shared from mining operations on federal lands within

state boundaries. In 1972 approximately \$336 million in royalties was paid to the federal government by firms operating beyond the three-mile boundary offshore Louisiana.

This report supports the contention that some of the revenues collected by the federal government from OCS activities need to be shared with contiguous coastal states to compensate state and local governments for services provided to offshore operators and to encourage coastal states to provide for the orderly development of the OCS.

THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF  
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As a first step in considering the impact of the development of the outer continental shelf, it is necessary to understand the location and general boundaries of this region and its petroleum potential. Both of these aspects are discussed in this section.

### Definition of the Outer Continental Shelf

The problems associated with defining the various subparts of offshore areas are rooted in the politico-economic problems associated with the use of the resources that can be exploited, the distribution of the revenue obtained by the development of these resources, and the impact of the development on other activities involving the sea, the land beneath it, and the air above it.

Geographically, the outer continental shelf is a subpart of the continental margin, a zone separating the submerged part of the continent from the deep-sea bottom. The other subparts are the continental slope and the continental rise. The continental shelf is the area between the mean low water line and the change in the inclination of the ocean floor, from out one eighth of one degree to more than three degrees, that marks the beginning of the continental slope. This occurs at various depths, usually between 130 and 200 meters, but it can occur as shallow as 50 meters and as deep as 500 meters. The continental shelf ranges in width from zero to 1500 km.<sup>1</sup>

For purposes of defining the area where nation-states have the right to explore for and exploit natural resources, the 1958 Geneva Convention on the Continental Shelf defined *continental shelf* as referring

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<sup>1</sup>International Law Association, *The Hague Conference (1970), Deep-Sea Mining, Report of the Committee, Annex A, Geological Aspects and Technical Developments*, as appearing in the *Outer Continental Shelf Report by the Subcommittee on Outer Continental Shelf to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, United States Senate, December 21, 1970*, p. 137.



- (a) to the sea bed and subsoil of the submarine adjacent to the coast but outside the area of the territorial sea, to a depth of 200 meters or, beyond that limit, to where the depth of the superadjacent waters admits of the exploitation of the natural resources of the said areas;
- (b) to the sea bed and subsoil of similar areas adjacent to the coasts of islands.<sup>2</sup>

This definition is imprecise, however, because of the "exploitability" clause. As a consequence, there is no precise legal definition of the boundary of the outer continental shelf from an international point of view.<sup>3</sup> Fig. 1 is a diagrammatic profile of the continental margin.

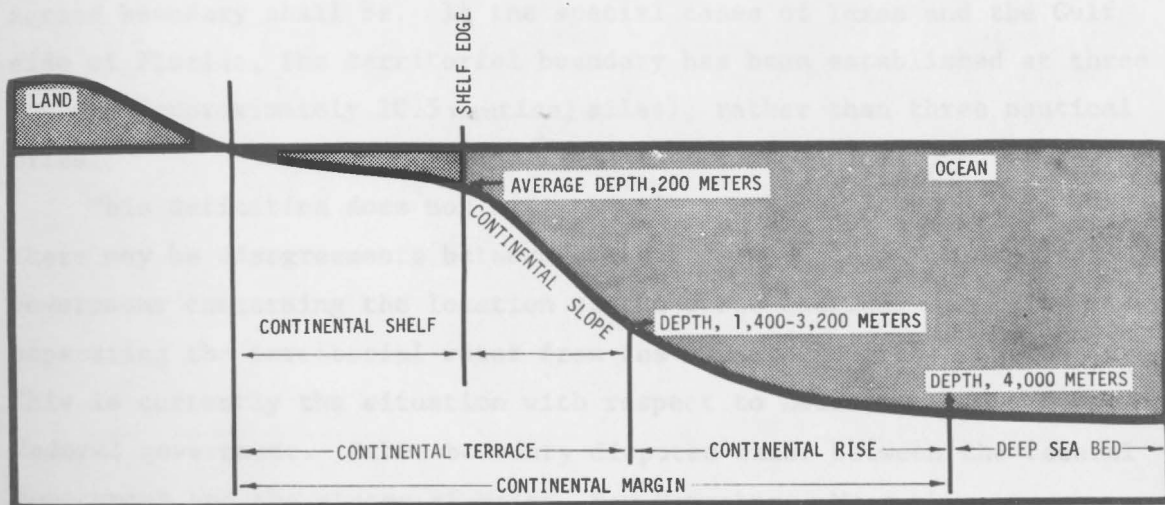


Fig. 1 DIAGRAMMATIC PROFILE OF CONTINENTAL MARGIN

<sup>2</sup>*Ibid.* (but not in Annex), p. 109.

<sup>3</sup>*Ibid.*

This problem is lessened for purposes of this report since the focus of the report is on the impact of the development of resources from the outer continental shelf to which the United States has a right. Attention is focused on the impact that this development has or will have on coastal states of the United States. This is not to imply that the problem of international agreement is unimportant to the states. On the contrary, there will be both direct and indirect impact on the well-being of all in the United States associated with such agreement.

For purposes of this report, the outer continental shelf is defined as that area off the coast beyond the three-nautical mile territorial limit boundary and seaward to wherever the internationally agreed boundary shall be. In the special cases of Texas and the Gulf side of Florida, the territorial boundary has been established at three leagues (approximately 10.5 nautical miles), rather than three nautical miles.

This definition does not automatically resolve all problems. There may be disagreements between state governments and the federal government concerning the location of the three-nautical-mile line separating the territorial water from the outer continental shelf. This is currently the situation with respect to Louisiana and the federal government. Other boundary disputes exist between the federal government and the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, California, and Alaska.

#### Delineation of the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf

Figure 2 shows the boundaries of the continental shelf for the continental United States, except Alaska, to the 200-meter depth. Figure 3 shows the profiles of the U.S. continental margin offshore of various cities. Table I shows the area of parts of the continental margin offshore the United States. As can be seen in these figures, there are large areas that are accessible for exploration and potential production of petroleum resources.

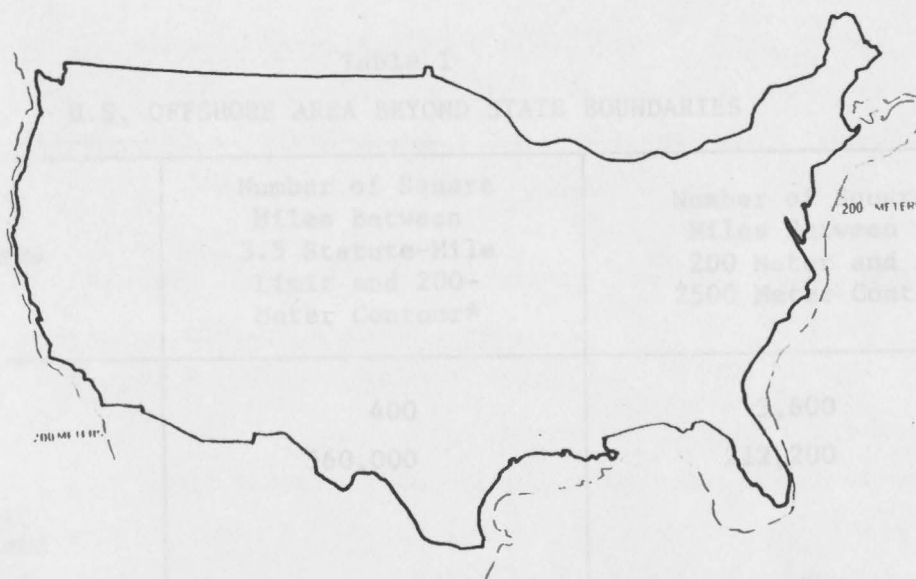


Fig. 2 OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARIES TO THE 200-METER DEPTH FOR THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES, EXCEPT ALASKA

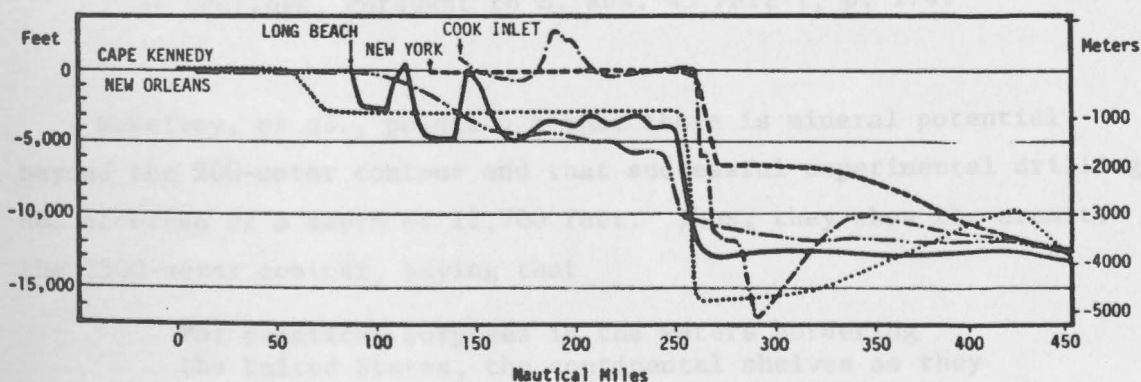


Fig. 3 PROFILES OF U.S. CONTINENTAL MARGINS

Table I  
U.S. OFFSHORE AREA BEYOND STATE BOUNDARIES

State or Area	Number of Square Miles Between 3.5 Statute-Mile Limit and 200-Meter Contour*	Number of Square Miles Between 200 Meter and 2500 Meter Contours
Hawaii	400	3,600
Alaska	560,000	212,200
Washington, Oregon, and California coast	15,400	76,200
Gulf coast	107,500	84,200
Atlantic coast	122,000	102,500
Total	805,300	478,700

\*10.5 nautical miles for Texas and Florida.

Source: McKelvey, *et al.*, writing for U.S. Geological Survey, Department of Interior, *Potential Mineral Resources of the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf*. (March 11, 1968). Printed in Appendix 1 of Hearings, Pursuant to S. Res. 45 Part I, p. 174.

McKelvey, *et al.*, points out that there is mineral potential beyond the 200-meter contour and that successful experimental drilling has occurred at a depth of 11,700 feet. Thus, they show the area to the 2500-meter contour, saying that

For practical purposes in the waters bordering the United States, the continental shelves as they would be defined bathymetrically lie largely within the 2500-meter contour and conversely not much of the ocean floor and continental rise extend coastward beyond this same contour.<sup>4</sup>

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## Evaluation of the Mineral Potential of the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf

The mineral potential of the U.S. outer continental shelf cannot be estimated with precision. Considerably less is known about mineral potential in this area than inland areas because in most cases there has been only limited exploration or production in the outer continental shelf areas. (See Appendix A.) Estimates that are available, therefore, are based largely on knowledge about past production and on the geological characteristics of submerged lands.

Perhaps because of the speculative nature of forming estimates of outer continental shelf resources potentials, there has not been an abundance of these estimates, and in the estimates that are available, there is a wide range of values. Most attention has been focused on the availability of petroleum resources from these areas, although other minerals may be present which can someday be recovered. Writing in 1968, McKelvey *et al.* said:

Oil, natural gas, and natural gas liquids are by far the most valuable resources now produced from the continental shelves, and they are the resources that have the greatest prospective value for the future as well.<sup>5</sup>

At that time, the production of petroleum from the outer continental shelf beyond that over which the states have jurisdiction had occurred only in the Gulf of Mexico. Since then, production has occurred off the California coast on federally leased offshore lands. The appraisal of the potential of the shelves by McKelvey *et al.* was that

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<sup>5</sup>*Ibid.*, p. 187.

Although petroleum from the outer shelves has only been produced thus far from the Gulf of Mexico, each of the other shelves, except the Hawaiian shelf, has extensive areas that are broadly favorable for petroleum. Parts of the Arctic Ocean, Bering Sea, and Pacific Ocean shelves of Alaska, for example, are contiguous with known petroliferous areas; seismic surveys already have identified extensive areas broadly favorable for petroleum in each of them, and the rich discoveries already made on state lands in Cook Inlet support the speculation that offshore Alaska has a large petroleum potential. Onshore production and preliminary exploration on state and federal leases offshore Washington and Oregon are not so encouraging but large broadly favorable areas identified from seismic surveys remain to be tested. . . .

[Several areas offshore California have promising potential for petroleum.]. . .

The production already coming from the Gulf OCS . . . speaks for its potential . . . .

As yet there has been no production on the Atlantic coastal plain, but offshore seismic studies and drilling indicate a thicker sedimentary section [than the Gulf OCS] and several major structures that are favorable for the occurrence of petroleum in several large areas between southern Florida and Georges Bank . . . . In short, the favorable area for the presence of petroleum on the U.S. shelves is large. In fact, it appears to be nearly 55 percent as large as the area of favorable ground on land and to contain a volume of sediments that is about 90 percent as large as that in which petroleum occurs on land.<sup>6</sup>

A recent report of the Committee on U.S. Energy Outlook of the National Petroleum Council also suggests that there are substantial petroleum resources in offshore areas. Table II indicates the oil-in-place resources, as presented in the committee's report. Table III shows the recoverable gas supply for the United States, as presented in the same report, and Fig. 4 shows the geographic location of these resources for the continental United States, excluding Alaska.

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<sup>6</sup>*Ibid.*, pp. 187, 189.

Table II  
U.S. OIL-IN-PLACE RESOURCES, BY REGION  
(1971)

Region	Ultimate Discoverable* Oil-in-Place (Billion Barrels)	Oil-in-Place Discovered to 1/1/71 (Billion Barrels)	Remaining Discoverable* Oil-in-Place	
			Billion Barrels	Percent of Ultimate
Lower 48 States--Onshore				
2 Pacific Coast	101.9	80.0	21.9	21.5
3 Western Rocky Mountains	43.6	5.8	37.8	86.7
4 Eastern Rocky Mountains	52.4	23.9	28.5	54.3
5 West Texas Area	151.6	106.4	45.2	29.8
6 Western Gulf Coast Basin	109.0	79.7	29.3	26.9
7 Midcontinent	63.0	58.4	4.6	7.3
8-10 Michigan, Eastern Interior, and Appalachians	36.5	30.5	6.0	16.4
11 Atlantic Coast	3.8	0.2	3.6	94.7
Total	561.8	384.9	176.9	31.5
Offshore and South Alaska				
1 South Alaska including offshore	26.0	2.9	23.1	88.8
2A Pacific Ocean	49.6	1.9	47.7	96.2
6A Gulf of Mexico	38.6	11.5	27.1	70.0
11A Atlantic Ocean	14.4	0.0	14.4	100.0
Total	128.6	16.3	112.3	87.3
Total United States (Excluding North Slope)	690.4	401.2	289.2	41.9
Alaskan North Slope				
Onshore	72.1	24.0	48.1	66.7
Offshore	47.9	0.0	47.9	100.0
Total	120.0	24.0	96.0	80.0
Total United States	810.4	425.2	385.2	47.5

\*The term "ultimate discoverable" means the amount of resource before any was extracted, and "remaining discoverable" equals ultimate discoverable less the amount extracted.

Source: U.S. Energy Outlook, A Report of the National Petroleum Council's Committee on U.S. Energy Outlook, December 1972, p. 72.

Table III  
U.S. RECOVERABLE GAS SUPPLY, BY REGION  
(1971)

Region	Ultimate Discoverable* Gas	Gas Discovered to 1/1/71	Remaining Discoverable*	
	Trillion Cubic Feet	Trillion Cubic Feet Non-Associated	Trillion Cubic Feet	Percent of Ultimate
Lower 48 States--Onshore				
2 Pacific Coast	25.7	8.1	17.6	68.5
3 Western Rocky Mountains	50.1	17.9	32.2	64.3
4 Eastern Rocky Mountains	51.6	10.0	41.6	80.6
5 West Texas Area	101.5	27.2	74.3	73.2
6 Western Gulf Coast Basin	397.9	211.7	186.2	46.8
7 Midcontinent	223.3	104.8	118.5	53.1
8-9 Michigan, Eastern Interior	12.5	0.4	12.1	96.8
10 Appalachians	95.9	33.0	62.9	65.6
11 Atlantic Coast	4.6	0.01	4.6	99.8
Total	963.1	413.1	550.0	57.1
Lower 48 States--Offshore				
2A Pacific Ocean	3.8	0.5	3.3	86.8
6A Gulf of Mexico	201.8	45.4	156.4	77.5
11A Atlantic Ocean	54.5	--	54.5	100.0
Total	260.1	45.9	214.2	82.4
Total United States (Excluding Alaska)	1,223.2	459.0	764.2	62.5
Alaska	277.4	5.1	272.3	98.2
Total United States	1,500.6	464.1	1,036.5	69.1
Associated-Dissolved				
Total United States	356.7	215.2	141.5	39.7
Non-Associated and Associated Dissolved				
Total United States	1,857.3	679.3	1,178.0	63.4

\*The term "ultimate discoverable" means the amount of resource before any was extracted, and the "remaining discoverable" equals ultimate discoverable less the amount extracted.

Source: U.S. Energy Outlook, A Report of the National Petroleum Council's Committee on U.S. Energy Outlook, December 1972, p. 91.



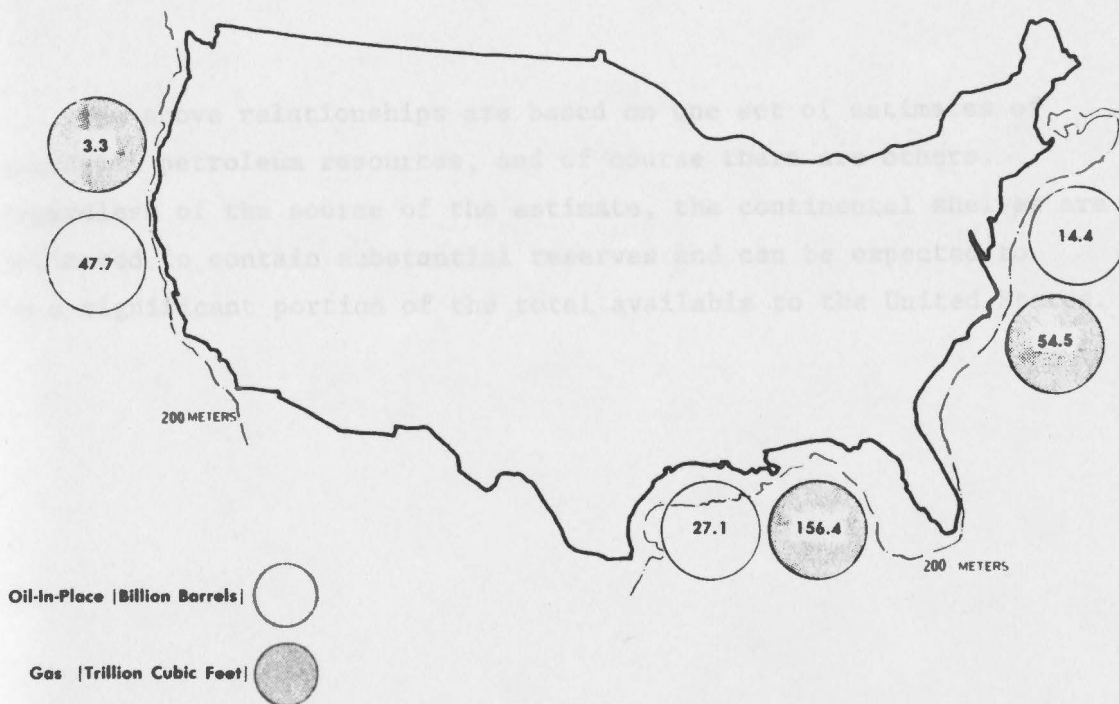


Fig. 4 REMAINING DISCOVERABLE PETROLEUM RESOURCES, OFFSHORE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES, EXCLUDING ALASKA

The relative importance of offshore areas for potential petroleum production is made evident by examining some relationships in tables II and III. For example, the offshore areas are relatively less developed than the onshore areas: about 87 percent of the ultimate discoverable oil-in-place is in the remaining discoverable category for the offshore areas, and about 82 percent of the ultimate discoverable gas is in the remaining discoverable category. In contrast, the onshore relationships for the lower 48 states are about 32 percent and 57 percent, respectively, for the same variables.

Another interesting relationship can be derived from these tables that may portend significant impact on coastal states. Approximately 23 percent of the estimated total remaining discoverable oil-in-place for all the United States is offshore states in the lower 48 states. Approximately 18 percent of the estimated remaining discoverable gas is estimated to be in the same area. Also, as can be seen in the tables, the offshore Alaska area is very significant.

The above relationships are based on one set of estimates of potential petroleum resources, and of course there are others. Regardless of the source of the estimate, the continental shelves are estimated to contain substantial reserves and can be expected to be a significant portion of the total available to the United States.

## THE NATIONAL ENERGY CRISIS

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It is nationally recognized that the United States is currently faced with a serious energy problem. The demand for oil and natural gas, for example, is continually spiraling upward while the supply of such fuels is increasing less rapidly. This situation has resulted, in recent years, in an unprecedented amount of oil imports. Besides the increasing scarcity of oil and natural gas, there is a pronounced nationwide lag in the production of nuclear power. The mining of coal is being increasingly criticized on an ecological basis, thereby limiting the supply of this important energy source. In the area of synthetic fuels, the United States is decades away from mass production. All of these facts emphasize the scope and nature of the present energy crisis and are generally indicative of an increased scarcity of such resources in the future. This scarcity will have a significant impact upon not only the economic growth of the nation, but also national security and the overall standard of living.

At the present time, the five primary sources of U.S. energy supplies are petroleum, natural gas, coal, nuclear energy, and hydro-power. Of these, petroleum is foremost, in that it satisfies as much as 75 percent of the U.S. energy requirements for all purposes. Domestic production of petroleum, however, is insufficient to meet current needs, and all indications are that the deficit will become even worse in the future. In order to decrease this deficit, the United States has recently begun to import petroleum from foreign sources. Although this has proved to be a short-range solution to the problem, there are long-range problems because of uncertainties regarding price, availability, dependability, and reliability. Also, as imports increase, there is a corresponding increase in balance-of-trade problems which have serious effects upon U.S. monetary and foreign policies.

The balance of payments implications associated with importing large amounts of petroleum on a permanent basis can be unfavorable, and these implications are, at best, difficult to trace. It is not appropriate to analyze the impact of importing petroleum by simply taking the volume times the unit price. Consideration must be given to the probable use of the dollar earnings including the purchases of U.S. goods and services and third country return flow.

Estimates of the size of the balance of payments burden over time vary. One set prepared by the U.S. Department of the Interior shows that the net deficit associated with the importation of petroleum will be approximately \$2.9 billion in 1975 and \$6.6 billion in 1980.<sup>7</sup> Another estimate by Dr. Arlon R. Tussing, prepared at the request of U.S. Senator Henry M. Jackson, suggests that net outflows may be as high as \$10 billion by 1980.<sup>8</sup> A study by the Chase Manhattan Bank indicates that the balance of payments deficit associated with importation of petroleum could reach \$25 billion by 1985.<sup>9</sup>

The balance of payments problems are perhaps not so troublesome as the implications associated with importing petroleum from relatively unpopulated countries. These nations will accumulate large liquid balances which could cause problems in the international money markets. One way of mitigating these problems would be to encourage these countries to invest in American businesses, but there is no way to force this and that alternative is not without problems of its own.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> *Questions and Policy Issues Related to Oversight Hearings on the Administration of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Held by the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, Pursuant to S. Res. 45 (March 23, 1972), p. 91.*

<sup>8</sup> *Toward a Rational Policy for Oil and Gas Imports, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, U.S. Senate, Pursuant to S. Res. 45 (1973), p. 5.*

<sup>9</sup> *John G. Winger, et al., Outlook for Energy in the United States to 1985, Chase Manhattan Bank (June 1972), p. 51.*

<sup>10</sup> *Toward a Rational Policy for Oil and Gas Imports, op. cit.*

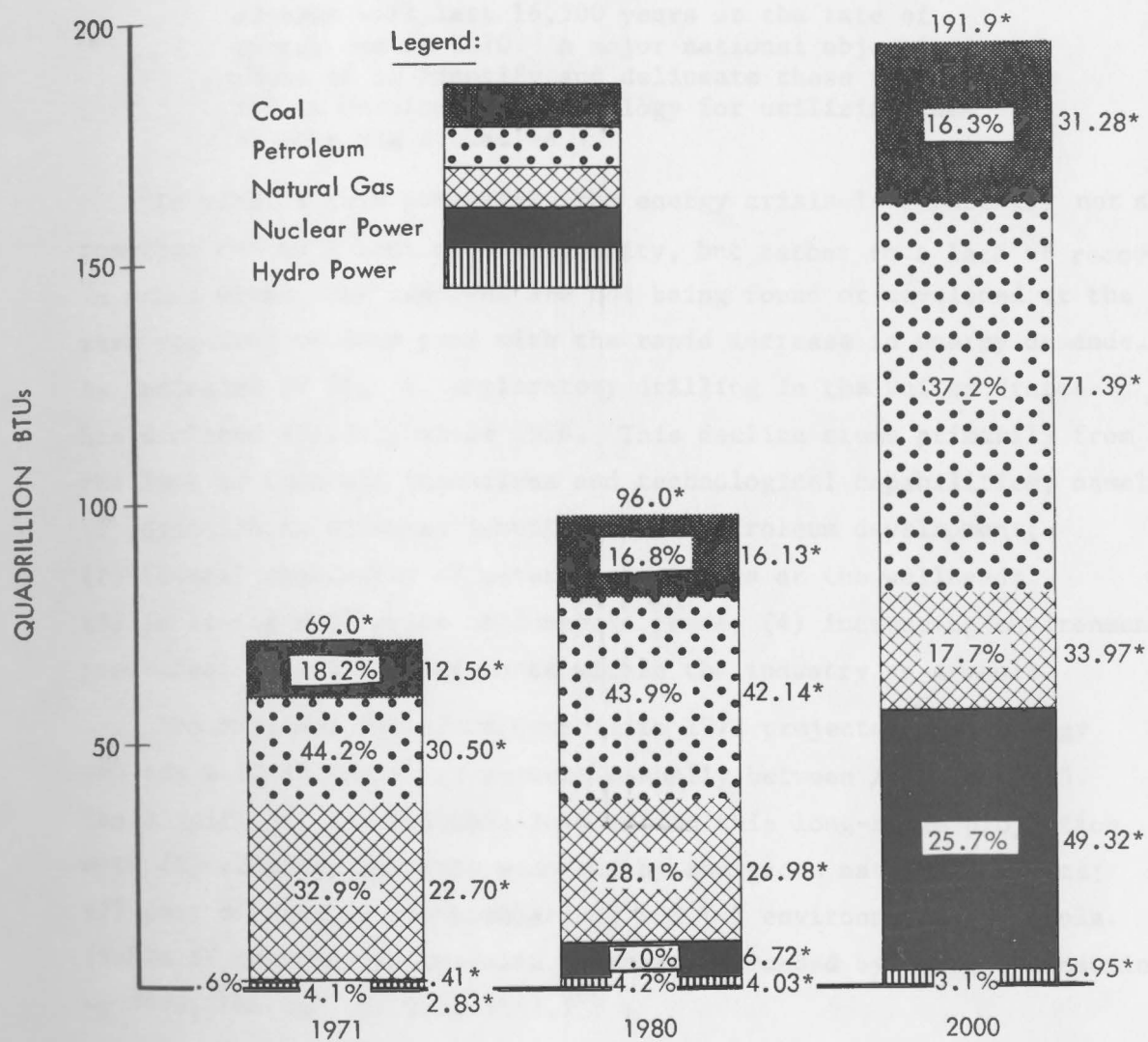
The United States currently has a potential coal resource base of nearly 800 billion tons. At the present rate of consumption, this supply is adequate to meet demands for the next 1,000 years. Despite this vast reserve, however, the United States is on the threshold of a national coal shortage. This is due to a number of economic and political factors. Clearly, if the required funds are to be raised to generate increased capacity, the price of coal will have to be raised substantially.

The last two sources of energy (nuclear and hydropower) are both used primarily to generate electricity; and, consequently, are not considered primary forms of energy. Projections are that in the future nuclear power will be the major input utilized to produce electricity. Although this will ease the demand on other areas in many respects, it is not a total solution to the energy problem. Hydroelectric projects in 1970 accounted for nearly 15 percent of the electricity produced in that year. This figure is expected to decrease, however, to approximately eight percent by 1985.

The present energy crisis is due, in part, to the high per capita consumption of energy in the United States. Although the United States contains less than six percent of the world population, it is by far the largest consumer of energy, with a daily requirement of nearly 400 million BTUs. On a per capita basis, this is eight times as much energy as that used by the rest of the world combined. In 1971, the United States used a total of 69 quadrillion BTUs of energy, according to the U.S. Department of the Interior. The consumption, by source, is shown in Fig. 5 for the year 1971 and is projected for the years 1980 and 2000. It can be seen that although the percentage of oil and gas consumed is projected to decrease through the years, the absolute value consumed will increase from 54 quadrillion BTUs in 1971 to 105.4 quadrillion BTUs in 2000.

Despite the current energy crisis, the U.S. Department of the Interior states that there is still an abundance of basic energy resources:

Our Nation has been bountifully endowed with a large resource base of fuel minerals, which includes petroleum, natural gas, coal, oil shale, uranium and thorium. The energy content of known resources of these fuel minerals amounts to 13,100 quadrillion BTUs, enough to last 190 years at the rate of consumption in 1970.



\*In Quadrillion BTUs.

Source: *U.S. Energy Through the Year 2000*, U.S. Department of the Interior, December 1972.

Fig. 5 U.S. ENERGY CONSUMPTION, BY SOURCE  
(1971-2000)

The potential resources of fuel minerals that are on the verge of use but await technologic advance will last 16,500 years at the rate of energy use in 1970. A major national objective, then, is to identify and delineate these resources and to develop the technology for utilizing them as they are needed.<sup>11</sup>

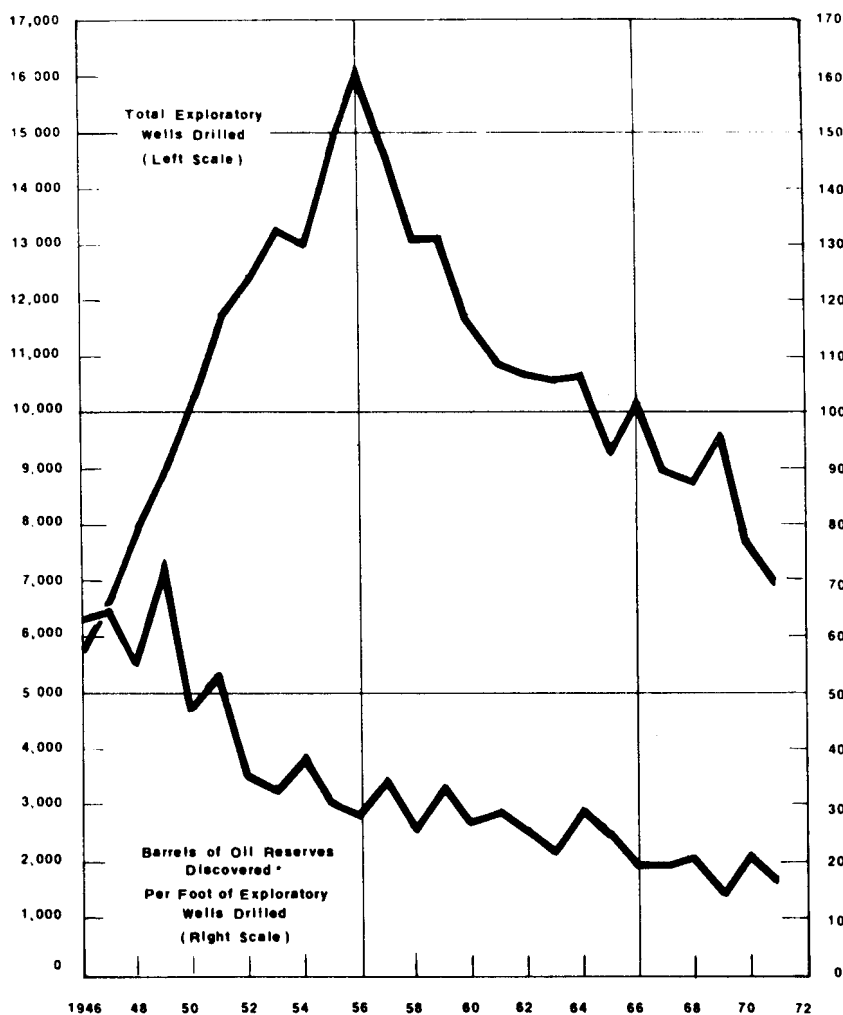
In view of this potential, the energy crisis is apparently not altogether due to a lack of availability, but rather to a lack of recovery. In other words, the reserves are not being found or developed at the rate required to keep pace with the rapid increase in energy demands. As indicated in Fig. 6, exploratory drilling in the United States has declined steadily since 1956. This decline stems primarily from the lack of economic incentives and technological capabilities; namely, (1) diminishing economic incentives for petroleum development; (2) federal regulation of natural gas prices at the wellhead; (3) declining real price of domestic crude; (4) increasing environmental pressures; and (5) rising costs within the industry as a whole.

The National Petroleum Council in 1972 projected that energy demands will increase 4.2 percent annually between 1970 and 1985. The significant determinants involved in this long-range projection were (1) economic activity measured by the gross national product; (2) cost of energy; (3) population; and (4) environmental controls. (Table IV contains an estimate of energy demanded by certain consuming sectors, through the year 1985.)

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<sup>11</sup>U.S. Department of the Interior, Reprint from Sun Oil Company's *Petroleum and the Capital Crunch*, p. 6, December 1972.





\* Consists of extensions, new field discoveries, and new reservoir discoveries in old fields (exclusive of North Slope)

Fig. 6 EXPLORATORY DRILLING AND RESULTS IN THE UNITED STATES (1946-1972)

Source: U.S. Department of the Interior.

Table IV  
PROJECTIONS OF U.S. ENERGY DEMAND  
BY MAJOR CONSUMING SECTOR

Sector	Demand Volume (Quadrillion BTUs)		
	Actual 1970	Estimated Intermediate 1980	Estimated Intermediate 1985
Residential/Commercial	15.8	22.4	26.6
Industrial	20.0	26.8	30.9
Transportation	16.3	23.9	28.3
Electric Conversion	11.6	22.8	30.2
Non-Energy	4.1	6.7	8.9
TOTAL	67.8	102.6	136.0

Source: *U.S. Energy Outlook*, National Petroleum Council, December 1972.

In summary, the current shortage of primary energy supplies is projected to become increasingly worse in the near future. This situation will occur despite corrective actions now being taken, since it will be some time before the effect of these actions is felt. In the meantime, it is essential that all interests--both public and private--cooperate in making and supporting necessary policy changes affecting the consumption of these resources.

The President's Special Message on Energy has gone a long way toward finding solutions to the energy crisis. The President noted that the increase in domestic energy production depends in large measure on how quickly the OCS can be developed. To encourage this development, he has asked the Interior Department to triple annual acreage offerings on the OCS by 1979 and has recommended removal of the Federal Power Commission's control of wellhead prices of natural gas to be dedicated to interstate sales. These recommendations have already led the Interior Department to

announce plans to lease up to one million acres in January, May, and September of each year starting in 1974. Furthermore, nominations were accepted for new tracts between 200- and 600-meter depths off Louisiana in June 1973. This will be the first sale of mineral leases outside the continental shelf. Nominations have also been received for tracts contiguous to Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida. Additional sales of leases are planned for offshore California and Alaska.

IMPACT OF OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF  
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## Introduction

Offshore mining activity must have contact with certain land-based operations and activities, beginning with the initial explorations and extending through the drilling and production stages. Boats need harbors; rigs must be constructed; and when the resource is produced, it must be brought to land for processing and consumption.

This report focuses on the economic impact of OCS activity on a local-regional area. Specifically, it is concerned with the cost of governmental services which are demanded as a result of OCS activity.

## Ecological Impact

The impact of offshore mining activities on the ecological system has been widely publicized in recent years and has been discussed at length in the news media and government hearings. Attention has been focused on the short- and long-term implications of possible oil spills; the impact of developing channels, laying pipelines, building rigs, and disposing of waste materials; and the effects of these activities on marsh land and on fish and wildlife habitats, on the competing uses for land used in connection with the development of these resources; and on the aesthetic appearance of the coastal regions.

These environmental considerations involve economic issues, such as the onshore loss of land caused by the channelization of rivers and marshes. This factor may be significant economically for many coastal states and, if the marshes are not adequately protected, could endanger a vital link in the food chain. At the same time, it should be recognized that offshore platforms and associated facilities provide a man-made reef which attracts and provides protection for smaller fish. It is believed that the offshore platforms have contributed to the increasing yields of commercial fishing off the Louisiana coast. Table V presents a comparison of Louisiana fish catch with that of other Gulf states and the United States. The data indicates that Louisiana's fish catch has increased in relative importance over the past two decades during the period of active offshore exploration.

Table V  
LOUISIANA FISH CATCH COMPARED WITH  
THAT OF OTHER GULF STATES AND THE UNITED STATES

	1950	1960	1970
Louisiana			
Quantity (thousands of pounds)	307,366	566,411	1,107,251
Value (thousands of dollars)	21,575	25,949	61,072
Percent of Gulf States			
Quantity	53.9	44.7	65.2
Value	42.8	30.4	36.7
Percent of United States			
Quantity	6.3	11.5	22.6
Value	6.2	7.3	10.0

Source: U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration,  
*Fishery Statistics of the United States.*

Ecological or environmental impact, including the aesthetic and economic aspects of the problem, should not be minimized in considering how and/or if to proceed with the development of offshore resources in various areas. To do otherwise could have grave implications for the nation. This report, however, focuses on the economic impact of the outer continental shelf activity on a local-regional area, and is concerned primarily with the costs generated by that activity where the generators are, in part, beyond the taxing reach of state and local governments.

#### Economic Impact

There is an on-going economic impact associated with outer continental shelf activity, not only as it relates to the supplying of fuel for the nation, but also as it affects the coastal regions. The impact is on individual port facilities, roads, and the myriad public services provided to the individuals and firms associated with outer continental shelf activity, such as education and police protection.

As is the case with most types of economic development, there are both positive and negative aspects associated with outer continental shelf activities. The positive aspects are similar to those associated with the development of the same natural resources on land. In short, these activities result in employment opportunities, both directly and indirectly; and they foster the development of supporting and complementary businesses. All of this results in a better economic climate.

On the other hand, there is a significant difference between on-land activities or offshore activities within the three-mile limit and the outer continental shelf activities. State and local governmental units are not able to tax firms engaging in outer continental shelf activity, although these firms have a direct and indirect impact on the services required in the coastal region municipalities, parishes or counties, and the state. These impacts have a bearing not only on the need for port facilities, schools, medical facilities, and environmental management services, but also on the whole range of governmental activities.

In setting up a tax structure to support the expenditures deemed necessary and desirable in a society, government seldom attempts to draw precise one-for-one relationships between taxes paid and benefits received. For example, persons pay property taxes which are used, in turn, to support education. The taxes are not based on how many children are in a household; rather, it is reasoned that there is social benefit from having education available for all children. Even in cases where there are more directly traceable benefits between taxes and services, as in the case of highway use taxes, the tax is based on such variables as fuel consumption and weight--neither of which may be directly related to the benefit the user sees in being able to use the highway system. So it is with nearly all taxes. The revenues from a whole array of taxes are needed to finance the nation's collective expenditures.

If people in various parts of the nation are to consume collectively such benefits as schools, sewer and water systems, civic and recreational facilities, and transportation facilities, they obviously must pay for them. Of course, they do so through a variety of taxing methods. In an industrialized area, industry will pay a portion of the taxes needed to provide services. The consumers or users of the products of these industries may, in turn, pay a price that reflects this tax need at the point of production. Just as the consumers of the products are in a sense causing the demands on public services in a particular area, so they may be in a sense paying some of the taxes.

The production of petroleum from the outer continental shelf does and will generate social costs, regardless of where the area is. The magnitude of the impact of service-using outer continental shelf activities on coastal regions will vary, depending upon how the tax structure of the region is set up and the relative importance of the outer continental shelf activity to other economic activities. *Regardless of the tax or economic structure, however, someone must subsidize the supplying of service to outer continental shelf users relative to what would be the case if taxing powers were present.*



The groups paying for the facilities and services used, but not paid for by outer continental shelf activity, will be, in the main, the residents and other firms in the coastal region. Indeed, the employees of the outer continental shelf firms themselves will be among those doing the subsidizing. There is no equivalent sharing of revenues from federal lands offshore to the 37-1/2 percent mineral revenue sharing on federal property within state boundaries.

It should be pointed out that the firms engaged in outer continental shelf activity may be paying a significant amount of federal "taxes" in the form of bonuses, rentals, and royalties. It is not within the scope of this report to analyze the question of whether these payments are too large, too small, or just right. The question, instead, is related to the *distribution* of these receipts and costs of state and local government services.

#### Economic Impact in Louisiana

An analysis of the impact of OCS petroleum development on Louisiana may be beneficial in planning for the increased demand for services induced by the development of OCS resources in other areas, and it may also help in evaluating various ways of distributing the revenues produced. Although much of the outer continental shelf off the Louisiana coast has been developed, this is not the case in other coastal regions. If the nation tries to develop more of its domestic petroleum resources, other coastal states will experience the positive and negative impacts associated with the development.

The impact of the OCS petroleum development on Louisiana can be viewed in several ways. One is to examine the nature and relative importance of OCS production. A second is to estimate the number of persons employed in directly and indirectly related activities associated with OCS development. A third is to determine the taxes foregone because of a lack of territorial jurisdiction. A fourth is to assess the impact on governmental services caused by the development of OCS resources.

### Production

Louisiana historically has been a leader among U.S. petroleum-producing states in the exploration, drilling, and recovery of oil and natural gas, and is today strengthening this position of leadership, as indicated by the number of producing oil and gas wells in the state and by increases in the volume of production from these wells. In 1970, for example, the state had 28,278 oil wells in production, which is more than twice the 1950 figure of 11,860 (Table VI). The number of producing gas wells more than quadrupled during the same period--from 2,550 in 1950 to 10,343 in 1970. These increases in the number of wells have been accompanied with corresponding increases in the volume of oil and gas liquids and gas, as indicated by the data in Table VII. Between 1950 and 1970, the volume of oil and gas liquids in the state increased from 240,174 thousands of barrels to 1,156,500 thousands of barrels. During the same period, the volume of gas production in the state soared--from 1,140,693 millions of cubic feet to 7,965,236 millions of cubic feet. Similarly large increases occurred in the federal outer continental shelf and the state offshore regions.

Table VI  
NUMBER OF PRODUCING OIL AND GAS WELLS IN LOUISIANA  
(1950-1970)

Year	Total Number in Louisiana		Total Number Offshore		Number of Federal Outer Continental Shelf		Number of State Offshore	
	Oil Wells	Gas Wells	Oil Wells	Gas Wells	Oil Wells	Gas Wells	Oil Wells	Gas Wells
1950	11,860	2,550	70	1	21	1	49	0
1960	24,682	6,479	2,229	311	960	223	1,269	88
1970	28,278	10,343	4,785	1,635	3,614	1,303	1,171	332

Source: Summarized by GSRI from the *Oil and Gas Compact Bulletin*, Vol. XXX, No. 2, December 1971.

Table VII  
ANNUAL VOLUME OF PRODUCTION FROM OIL AND GAS WELLS IN LOUISIANA  
(1950-1970)

Year	State		Federal Outer Continental Shelf		Louisiana Offshore	
	Oil and Gas Liquid (Thousands of Barrels)	Gas (Millions of Cubic Feet)	Oil and Gas Liquid (Thousands of Barrels)	Gas (Millions of Cubic Feet)	Oil and Gas Liquid (Thousands of Barrels)	Gas (Millions of Cubic Feet)
1950	240,174	1,140,693	722	645	3,593	2,268
1960	429,911	2,994,862	45,788	287,442	42,334	120,945
1970	1,156,500	7,965,236	338,423	2,299,889	72,657	615,968

Source: Summarized by GSRI from *Oil and Gas Compact Bulletin*, Vol. XXX, No. 2, December 1971.

The location of producing oil and gas wells in Louisiana is shown in Figure 7 and Figure 8, respectively. As indicated, the greatest number of Louisiana wells are located on-shore. Of offshore wells, the greatest number is located within the federal outer continental shelf area, rather than the state offshore area. The number of oil wells in the federal OCS increased from 30 percent of the offshore total in 1950 to 75 percent in 1970. The number of gas wells is arrayed in a similar manner.

Although Louisiana production of oil and gas has increased significantly in recent years, the balance of production has shifted noticeably from Louisiana-controlled areas to the federal OCS areas. Table VIII indicates production statistics for the two areas as a percentage of state totals, for the period 1950-1970. As shown, the amount of oil production in the federal OCS increased from 0.3 percent of the state total in 1950 to 29.3 percent in 1970, while the amount in state-controlled offshore regions only increased from 1.5 percent to 6.8 percent. By the same token, natural gas production increased in the federal OCS from 0.1 percent to 28.9 percent of the state total, in contrast to an increase of only 0.2 percent to 7.7 percent in the state-controlled offshore. These figures clearly indicate that the major portion of the state's increased production is taking place in areas outside the taxing jurisdiction of the state.

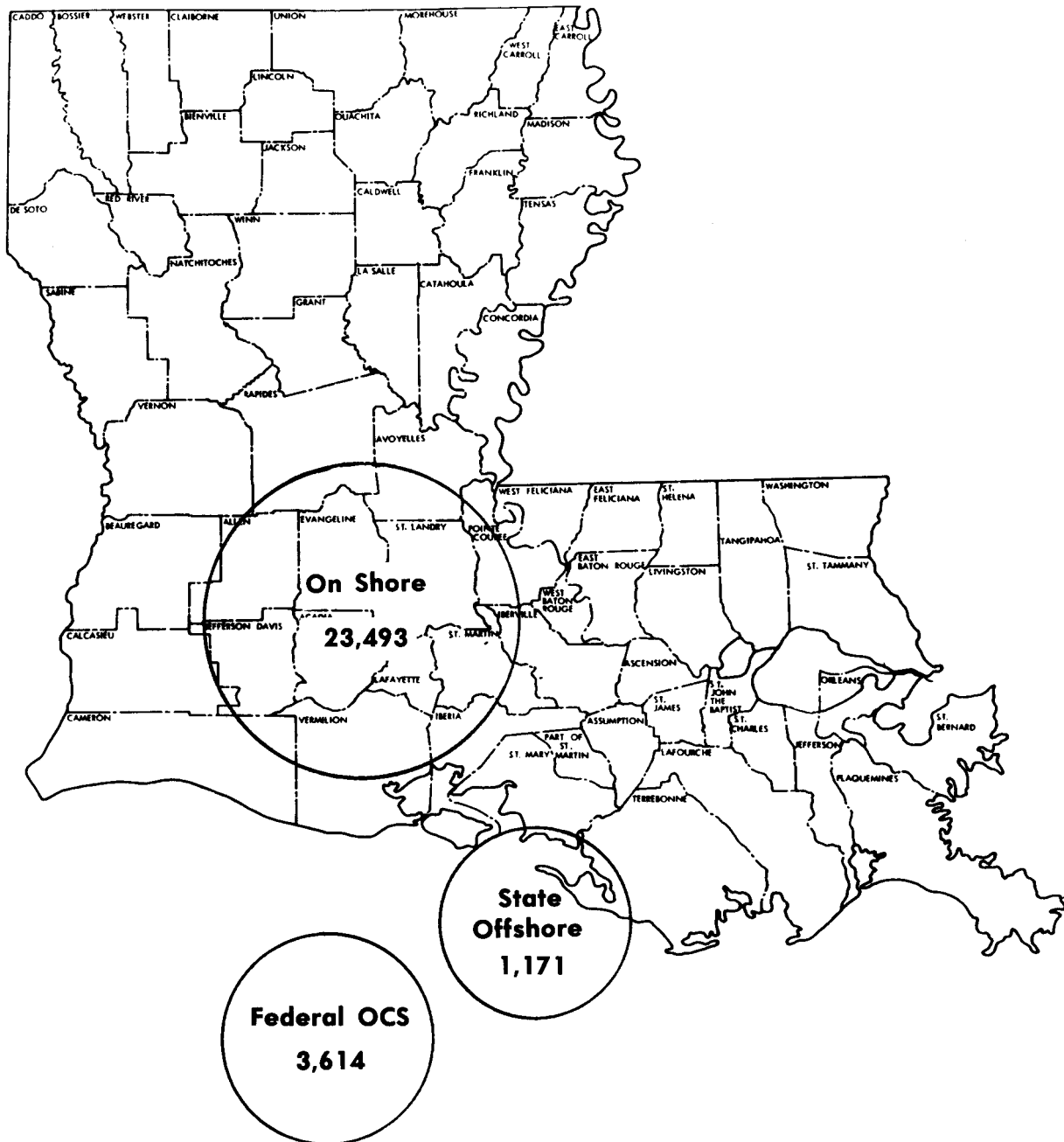


Fig. 7 NUMBER AND GENERAL LOCATION OF PRODUCING OIL WELLS IN LOUISIANA, 1970

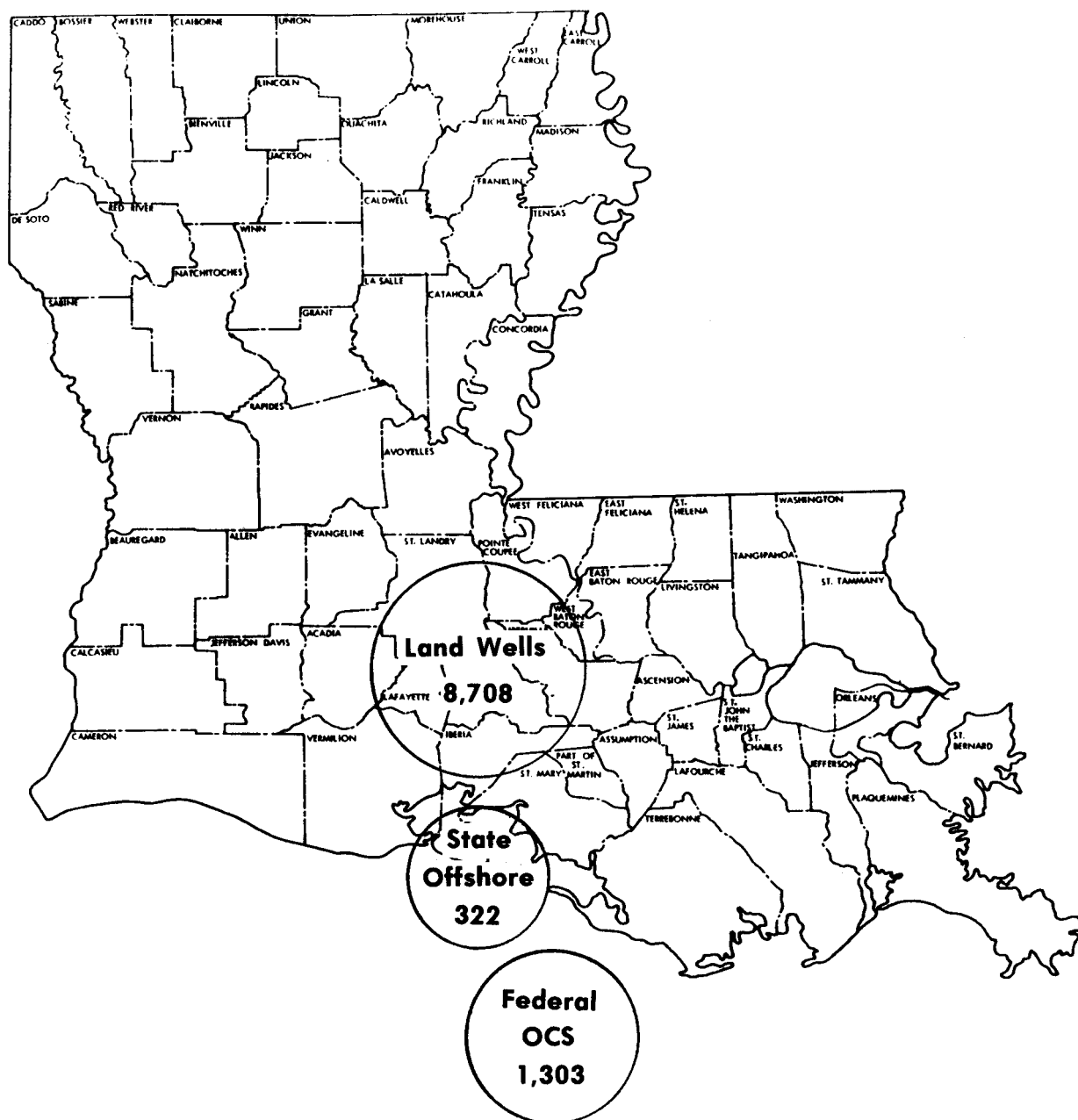


Fig. 8 NUMBER AND GENERAL LOCATION OF PRODUCING GAS WELLS IN LOUISIANA, 1970

Table VIII

STATE OFFSHORE AND FEDERAL OCS PRODUCTION OF OIL AND GAS,  
(As Percent of the Louisiana Total)

Year	Federal OCS		State Offshore	
	Oil	Gas	Oil	Gas
1950	.3	.1	1.5	.2
1960	10.6	9.6	9.9	4.0
1970	29.3	28.9	6.8	7.7

Source: Gulf South Research Institute.

Table IX indicates the dramatic increase in the amount of petroleum production in the Gulf of Mexico offshore from Louisiana during recent years. As indicated by these data, the major portion of this increase has been in federal outer continental shelf areas. Prior to 1954, for example, 98 percent of the oil and condensate and 78 percent of the gas produced offshore from Louisiana were derived from state-controlled areas. By 1960, however, these figures had dropped to 44 percent and 33 percent, respectively. By 1971, only 14 percent of the oil and condensate and 17 percent of the gas came from Louisiana-controlled areas.

Moreover, the absolute number of barrels of oil and condensate produced increased until 1968 when their production leveled off and began to decline--a fact which might indicate that most of the resources within the state's jurisdiction may have already been extracted (Fig. 9). This shift in production from state to federal lands has a major impact on the revenue structure of Louisiana.

Other states currently involved in petroleum production on the outer continental shelf are Texas and California. Table X illustrates the magnitude of the Louisiana OCS operations in relation to production in Texas and California. The production figures are separated into oil, condensate, and natural gas. Louisiana is ranked first in all three areas, producing 91.8 percent of the oil, 96.6 percent of the condensate, and 94.8 percent of the gas in the OCS areas. Louisiana's OCS oil production exceeded 358 million barrels, while second-ranked California produced only 31 million barrels. Texas ranked second to Louisiana, in barrels of condensate produced and in millions of cubic feet of natural gas.

Table IX

TOTAL PRODUCTION OF GAS AND OIL AND CONDENSATE IN LOUISIANA  
(State Offshore and Federal Outer Continental Shelf)

Year	Gas			Oil and Condensate		
	Millions of Cubic Feet	Percent		Thousands of Barrels	Percent	
		State	OCS		State	OCS
Prior	91,675	78	22	54,803	98	2
1954	81,325	31	69	15,926	79	21
1955	121,279	33	67	25,731	74	26
1956	136,527	39	61	40,906	73	27
1957	160,472	49	51	52,835	70	30
1958	233,967	45	55	57,381	57	43
1959	329,280	37	63	72,793	51	49
1960	408,388	33	67	88,122	44	56
1961	458,481	31	69	103,197	38	62
1962	588,361	23	77	126,801	29	71
1963	706,545	20	80	149,087	30	70
1964	783,474	21	79	173,709	29	71
1965	871,124	26	74	199,293	27	73
1966	1,265,899	24	76	243,080	23	77
1967	1,655,223	34	66	284,033	23	77
1968	2,057,291	31	69	329,922	20	80
1969	2,478,745	26	74	365,691	18	82
1970	2,800,104	19	81	398,378	16	84
1971	3,176,740	17	83	448,772	14	86

Source: Louisiana Department of Conservation and U.S. Department of Interior.

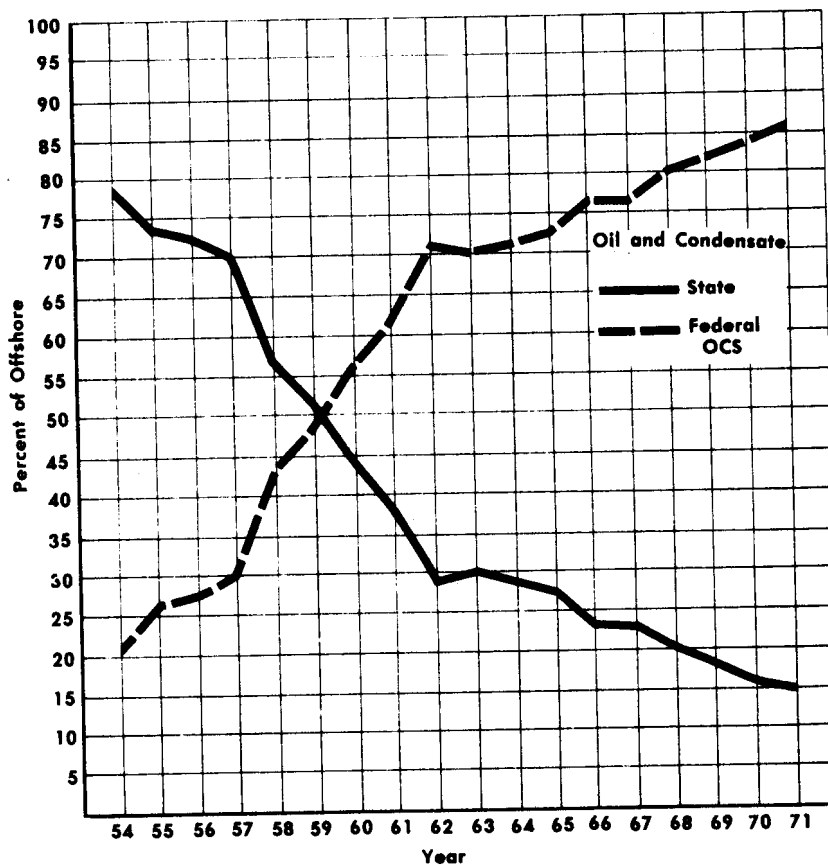


Fig. 9 NUMBER OF BARRELS OF OIL AND CONDENSATE PRODUCED IN LOUISIANA (1954-1971)



Table X  
OCS PETROLEUM PRODUCTION, 1972

State	Oil Barrels		Condensate Barrels		Gas (millions of cubic feet)	
	Number	Percent of Total	Number	Percent of Total	Number	Percent of Total
California	31,103,548	8.0	--	0.0	15,671,479	0.6
Louisiana	358,366,080	91.8	27,394,271	96.6	2,634,014,031	94.8
Texas	710,463	0.2	974,584	3.4	127,357,908	4.6
Total	390,180,091	100.0	28,368,855	100.0	2,777,043,418	100.0

Source: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

Table XI shows the 1967 to 1972 values of petroleum production from federal OCS areas offshore from Louisiana and the amount of royalties associated with the production. Royalty payments alone more than doubled during the period--from \$149 million in 1967 to \$336 million in 1972. In addition, bonuses and rentals have been received on the areas producing this petroleum. Coupled with the depletion of resources within the Louisiana three-mile limit, these rapidly increasing figures represent grave problems for the State of Louisiana.

Table XI  
VALUE OF PRODUCTION OF PETROLEUM FROM THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF  
BEYOND THE JURISDICTION OF LOUISIANA AND CORRESPONDING ROYALTY  
PAYMENTS BY YEAR

Year	Value	Royalty
1967	\$ 883,852,538	\$149,073,159
1968	1,093,049,920	190,904,928
1969	1,322,256,575	225,285,281
1970	1,527,370,429	259,135,087
1971	1,902,431,031	319,150,988
1972*	2,013,382,419	336,203,550

\*Includes both disputed and undisputed area.

Source: U.S. Geological Survey, 1973.

### Employment

In 1971, a total of 49,685 persons were employed in mining in Louisiana (almost all of which was petroleum mining). Of this number, 39,397 (or 79 percent) were in the 38 southern parishes of the state. The importance of mining employment can be seen in Table XII. Statewide, mining accounts for approximately 6.8 percent of the employment subject to the Louisiana Employment Security Law. As can be noted, the impact varies from parish to parish. In some coastal parishes, such as St. Mary and Cameron, mining employment has a much larger direct impact on employment. The relative importance is shown in figures 10 and 11 for the southern parishes of the state.

The number of persons employed in mining associated with OCS activity is estimated to be at least 15,000. This estimate was determined by analyzing the results of a mail questionnaire, interviews, and petroleum production statistics. A discussion of the methodology underlying this estimate and those for other employment categories is contained in Appendix B.

In addition to those employed in mining, there are many persons employed in other activities that are related to or dependent upon OCS activity in various ways. A large number of persons are engaged in manufacturing and constructing rigs and platforms, service boats, and other equipment. A significant portion of the employment in the production of chemicals and allied products, as well as that in refining petroleum, is related to OCS production. All of these employees generate other employment because they and their families need housing, goods, and services.

**Table XII**  
**PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT, BY PARISH\***  
**(1971)**

Parish	Mining	Contract Construction	Manufacturing	Transportation, Communication, Public Utilities	Wholesale and Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	Services and Miscellaneous
STATEWIDE	6.8	9.7	23.4	11.2	30.1	5.8	13.0
Acadia	8.3	6.6	24.7	9.7	37.4	3.9	9.3
Allen	3.2	3.7	60.0	6.6	17.2	3.4	5.9
Ascension	1.8	15.3	39.5	9.2	23.6	3.2	7.4
Assumption	5.9	3.3	70.4	1.6	12.1	3.2	3.5
Avoyelles	1.6	8.5	28.8	8.3	28.3	9.8	14.7
Beauregard	3.6	3.4	37.4	11.2	33.8	3.2	7.3
Calcasieu	4.7	14.4	33.2	8.7	25.6	3.9	9.5
Cameron	42.3	5.2	17.6	16.8	5.0	1.4	11.7
East Baton Rouge	0.7	15.1	24.4	6.7	30.1	7.1	15.9
East Feliciana	1.6	17.7	39.7	5.3	22.2	4.4	9.1
Evangeline	4.8	5.5	15.2	9.9	31.2	4.4	28.9
Iberia	22.0	6.8	19.9	10.3	29.1	3.5	8.4
Iberville	3.5	29.0	32.8	4.6	15.6	1.9	12.6
Jefferson	7.1	9.5	29.0	9.2	33.0	2.5	9.7
Jefferson Davis	13.1	6.6	17.8	10.4	33.1	4.7	14.3
Lafayette	19.3	8.4	7.9	11.7	34.3	4.0	14.4
Lafourche	15.4	4.1	20.1	22.6	26.8	3.4	7.6
Livingston	0.9	17.6	29.4	4.0	32.5	4.7	11.0
Orleans	4.0	7.1	13.9	16.5	31.7	9.4	17.4
Plaquemines	35.6	13.8	12.8	16.3	10.3	0.8	10.4
Pointe Coupee	15.6	11.1	18.0	5.4	39.1	4.7	6.1
Rapides	1.5	9.9	23.0	7.0	35.9	7.0	15.7
St. Bernard	1.6	8.2	54.5	4.8	21.5	2.9	6.6
St. Charles	3.0	15.9	45.1	14.9	13.4	2.0	5.7
St. Helena	8.5	17.6	35.8	14.0	19.0	2.8	2.2
St. James	6.7	11.1	63.7	2.3	12.6	1.5	2.1
St. John	0.6	3.8	50.0	11.3	22.8	2.7	8.8
St. Landry	11.8	7.4	16.2	6.5	41.9	5.2	11.0
St. Martin	14.8	16.0	26.0	1.7	28.9	4.4	8.2
St. Mary	20.8	8.3	19.6	15.5	22.8	2.1	10.9
St. Tammany	3.0	11.4	26.5	6.6	34.4	4.9	15.7
Tangipahoa	0.8	5.4	26.8	4.2	48.6	4.3	9.8
Terrebonne	22.1	5.9	18.6	11.6	29.4	2.5	9.8
Vermilion	17.1	6.5	18.5	11.9	30.9	3.7	11.4
Vernon	0.4	6.5	9.1	15.3	44.6	5.2	18.9
Washington	1.9	4.2	52.8	5.1	24.4	5.5	6.1
West Baton Rouge	0.0	6.6	12.2	56.5	18.6	1.9	4.2
West Feliciana	1.3	11.5	78.1	0.1	7.1	0.7	1.2

\*Includes employment categories covered by the Louisiana Employment Security Act.

Source: Employment Wages, Louisiana Department of Employment Security, August 1972.

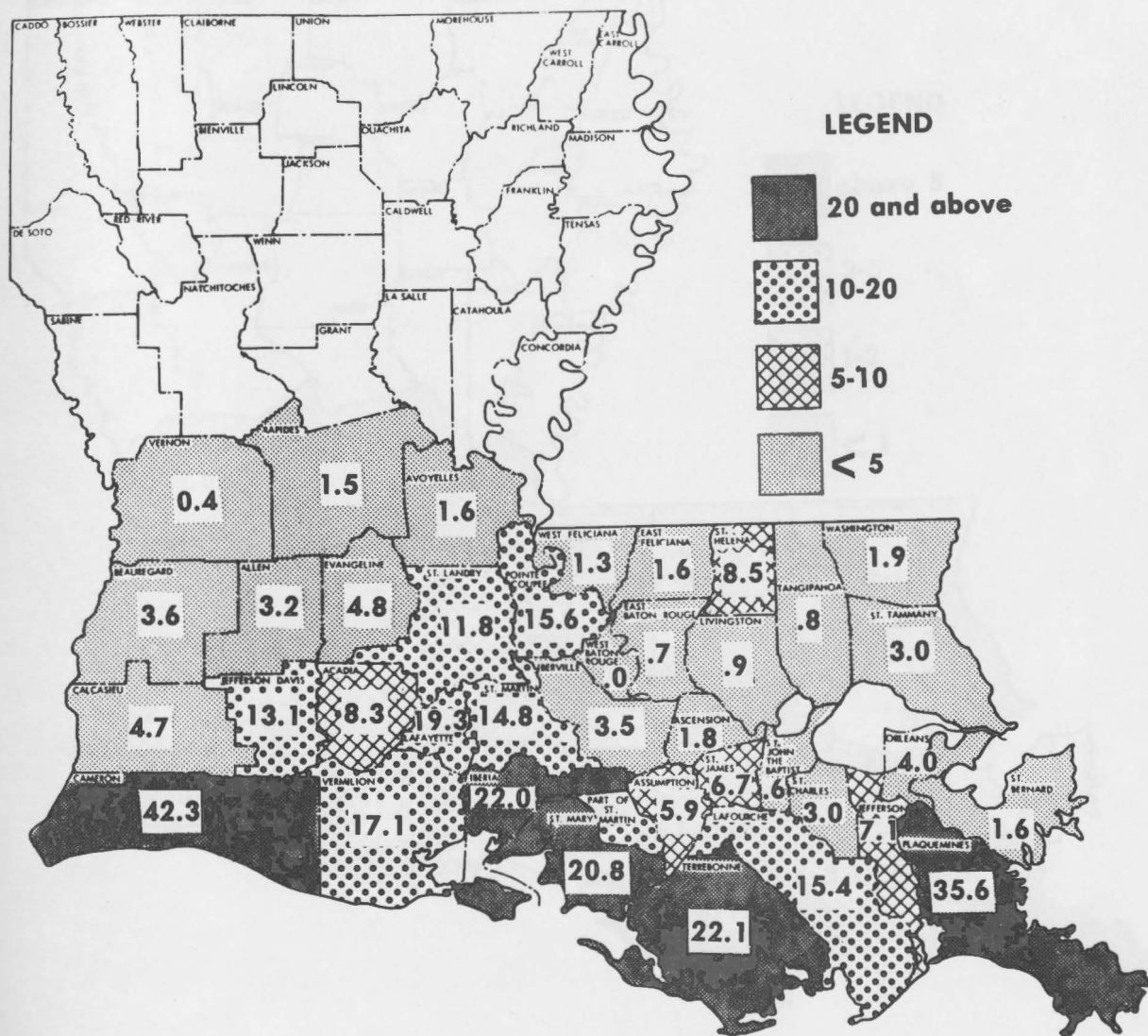


Fig. 10 PERCENTAGE MINING EMPLOYMENT OF TOTAL PARISH EMPLOYMENT



The estimated number of persons employed in these various categories are shown in the following tabulation:

<u>Employment Category</u>	<u>Estimate of Number Employed as a Result of OCS Activity</u>
Mining	15,000
Manufacturing	10,500
Construction	4,700
Chemicals and allied products	7,300
Refining	2,800
Subtotal	40,300
Supporting employment	84,100
Total	124,400

#### Taxes Foregone

Louisiana, like other coastal states, cannot tax the activity conducted on the outer continental shelf beyond the three-mile limit (three leagues for Texas and the Gulf side of Florida). Although the impact of these activities is reflected in the demand for services, as discussed previously, the state must forego the tax revenues that it would collect if it had complete control over the outer continental shelf activity. The taxes foregone in the case of Louisiana include (1) severance, (2) income, (3) corporate franchise, (4) sales and use, (5) occupational license, (6) ad valorem, and (7) miscellaneous, which includes primarily power use taxes and a small amount of natural gas franchise tax.

The various sections of the Louisiana Department of Revenue estimate that the taxes foregone for 1972 would have amounted to \$183,488,000. The following tabulation indicates the amounts of state taxes foregone, by category.

<u>Tax Category</u>	<u>Amount Foregone</u>
Severance	\$ 127,210,000
Income	17,059,000
Corporate Franchise	11,968,000
Sales and Use	10,000,000
Occupational License	100,000
Ad Valorem	9,811,000
Miscellaneous	<u>7,340,000</u>
Total	\$ 183,488,000

It can be noted that even without the severance tax, the amount foregone would have been \$56,278,000. These amounts are annual, and could be expected at least to remain at these levels and probably to increase. In addition, it should be noted that the sales tax collections included in the total represents only that portion which would be collected for the state. It does not include foregone sales tax collections for individual parishes and municipalities.

The annual amounts of taxes foregone by the state since 1965 for the severance, ad valorem, and miscellaneous tax categories are shown in Table XIII. Where available, the amounts collected from offshore activity within the three-mile limit are shown for purposes of comparison. The much greater level of activity beyond the three-mile limit is reflected in these data.

Like the state, parishes and municipalities from which the companies operate also forego tax revenues because of a lack of jurisdiction. Most of the taxes foregone at the local level are in the sales and ad valorem tax categories. On the assumption that the estimate of state sales tax foregone is reasonable, an estimate can be made of the amounts of parish and municipal sales taxes foregone. The rate of municipal and parish sales taxes ranges from one percent to three percent, and the amount foregone depends upon the distribution of sales by locality for each year. However, if two percent represents a good estimate of the average rate that would be applied, the parish and

Table XIII

SELECTED TAXES COLLECTED FROM OFFSHORE AND FOREGONE FROM OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF  
(1965-1972)

Year	Severance Taxes		Ad Valorem Taxes		Miscellaneous Taxes	
	Collected	Foregone	Collected	Foregone	Collected	Foregone
1965	\$ 13,489,160	\$ 50,157,750	\$ 1,131,875	\$ 3,332,561	NA*	\$ 4,840,000
1966	15,758,691	63,103,993	1,267,709	3,849,400	NA	5,252,000
1967	18,458,854	74,343,831	1,386,771	4,163,106	NA	5,960,000
1968	21,798,110	90,350,636	1,397,230	4,497,553	NA	6,256,000
1969	23,039,837	105,102,868	1,515,070	5,396,734	NA	6,600,000
1970	25,617,228	123,515,864	1,834,345	8,286,711	NA	6,944,000
1971	25,679,138	131,728,474	1,811,754	9,513,196	NA	7,100,000
1972	30,963,365	127,209,836	1,841,572	9,811,094	NA	7,340,000

\*NA = Not available. Most taxpayers do not separate inland and offshore sources of tax in their reports.

Source: State of Louisiana, Department of Revenue, February 1973.



municipal governments are foregoing approximately \$6.7 million in sales taxes per year. The ad valorem tax represents an even larger opportunity loss. For every dollar of state ad valorem taxes collected in Louisiana, approximately \$7.86 is collected on the local level, according to Bureau of Census data related to governmental finances in 1969-1970. Assuming that this relationship is relatively stable and recalling that the state is foregoing \$9,811,000 of ad valorem taxes, the local governments are foregoing \$77,100,000. Thus, the total foregone by local governments in Louisiana is \$83.8 million.

The total amount of taxes foregone by both the state government and the parish and municipal governments because of a lack of jurisdiction over the outer continental shelf offshore Louisiana is summarized as follows:

State taxes foregone	\$183,488,000
Parish and municipal taxes foregone	83,800,000
Total	<u>\$267,288,000</u>

#### Cost of Governmental Services

The cost of governmental services associated with OCS petroleum activity is, in large part, related to the population associated with it. This in turn is dependent upon the number of persons employed in the OCS activity, related major industry employment, supporting employment, and the dependents of all these employees.

As shown in Table XIV, the estimated cost of governmental services arising as a result of OCS activity is \$265,044,000. This estimate is based on (1) employment data taken from Appendix B, as discussed previously; (2) 1970 census data, which indicates that there are 2.14 persons for every employed individual; and (3) Bureau of the Census data, which shows that expenditures by state and local governments in Louisiana were \$677.88 per capita for fiscal year 1970-1971.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>12</sup>*Governmental Finances in 1970-71*, U.S. Bureau of the Census, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., p. 45. Approximately 20.4 percent of these funds represents federal government transfers.

Table XIV

COST OF GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES ARISING AS A RESULT OF  
EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATED WITH OCS ACTIVITY

Employment Category	Number of Employees Related to OCS Activity	Number of Employees and Dependents	Taxes Needed To Provide Governmental Services		
			Total	To Be Paid By Individuals	To Be Paid By Corporations
Mining	15,000	47,150	\$ 31,962,000	\$ 12,785,000	\$ 19,177,000
Manufacturing	10,500	33,000	22,370,000	8,948,000	13,422,000
Construction	4,700	14,770	10,012,000	4,005,000	6,007,000
Chemicals and Allied Products	7,300	22,940	15,551,000	6,220,000	9,331,000
Refining	2,800	8,800	5,965,000	2,386,000	3,579,000
Supporting Employment	84,100	264,330	179,184,000	71,674,000	107,510,000
Total	124,400	390,990	\$265,044,000	\$106,018,000	\$159,026,000

NOTE: Employment x 3.1431 = Employees + Dependents.

(Employees + Dependents) x \$677.88 = Taxes needed to pay for governmental services.

Source: Gulf South Research Institute.

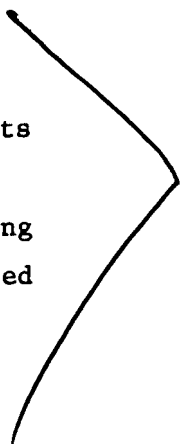
The estimated costs are based on employment and population and thus take into account the interrelationship of employment in basic industries, supporting activities, and mining. They are not intended to be precise measures of the benefits received by groups. They do show that there is a substantial cost generated by the OCS activity.

Some of the cost of governmental services is paid for by individuals and some by corporations. Based on an analysis of tax categories for both the state and local governmental units, it is estimated that approximately 40 percent of total taxes are paid by individuals and 60 percent by corporations. Therefore, as shown in Table XIV, the corporate share of the cost associated with the OCS activity is estimated to be \$159,026,000.

Attention is focused on the corporate-borne cost because the OCS activity is beyond the taxing authority of the state and local governments. While the tax burden as a whole is borne by individuals and corporations, a part of one of these groups is incurring and initiating demands for state and local governmental services, but is not participating in the paying of the state and local taxes.

Some of the cost of services that should be paid for by corporations is not being paid. Many of the firms whose activity is dependent in part on OCS activity are paying taxes for their operations which are located on land and within state and local taxing jurisdictions, but do not pay taxes on that portion of business attributed to the OCS.

Of companies which are physically operating in the OCS region, some are paying "taxes" in the form of higher royalty and bonus payments to the federal government because they are not within a state's boundaries, but the state and local governmental units are not receiving their share of this money. It is estimated that the net cost associated with OCS activities is \$38,000,000 or approximately 24 percent of the total corporate share. This estimate is based on the following assumptions:



1. Ninety percent of the cost of governmental services provided mining corporation operating in the OCS are uncompensated for due to the tax jurisdiction	\$17,259,300
2. Fifty percent of the cost of governmental services provided manufacturing firms serving the OCS are uncompensated	6,711,000
3. Fifty percent of the cost of governmental services provided construction firms serving the OCS are uncompensated	3,003,500
4. Ten percent of the cost of governmental services provided supporting firms serving the OCS are uncompensated	10,751,000
TOTAL	<u>\$37,724,800</u>

These percentage allocations are based on information contained in the questionnaires and information supplied by the Department of Revenue. It is important to note that these figures apply only to those firms which are engaged in OCS activities and make no allowances for taxes paid for onshore activities by the same firms except those which support OCS activities.

The cost of governmental services that should be paid by corporations and is not being paid to state and local governmental units may be greater than that associated with the estimated 15,000 persons employed in mining. The OCS petroleum mining is relatively capital-intensive when compared with other activities in the state which arise because of it--that is, there is more machinery, plant, and equipment per employee than in other activities. This means that as the mining activity adds employment, relatively more employees will be hired by firms that use less capital per employee.

The demand for such things as ports, highways, airports, and other facilities is probably higher for the capital-intensive. In a survey of offshore operations and support firms, extensive use of Louisiana airports, highways, ports and waterways was reported. These facilities are depicted in figures 12, 13, and 14.

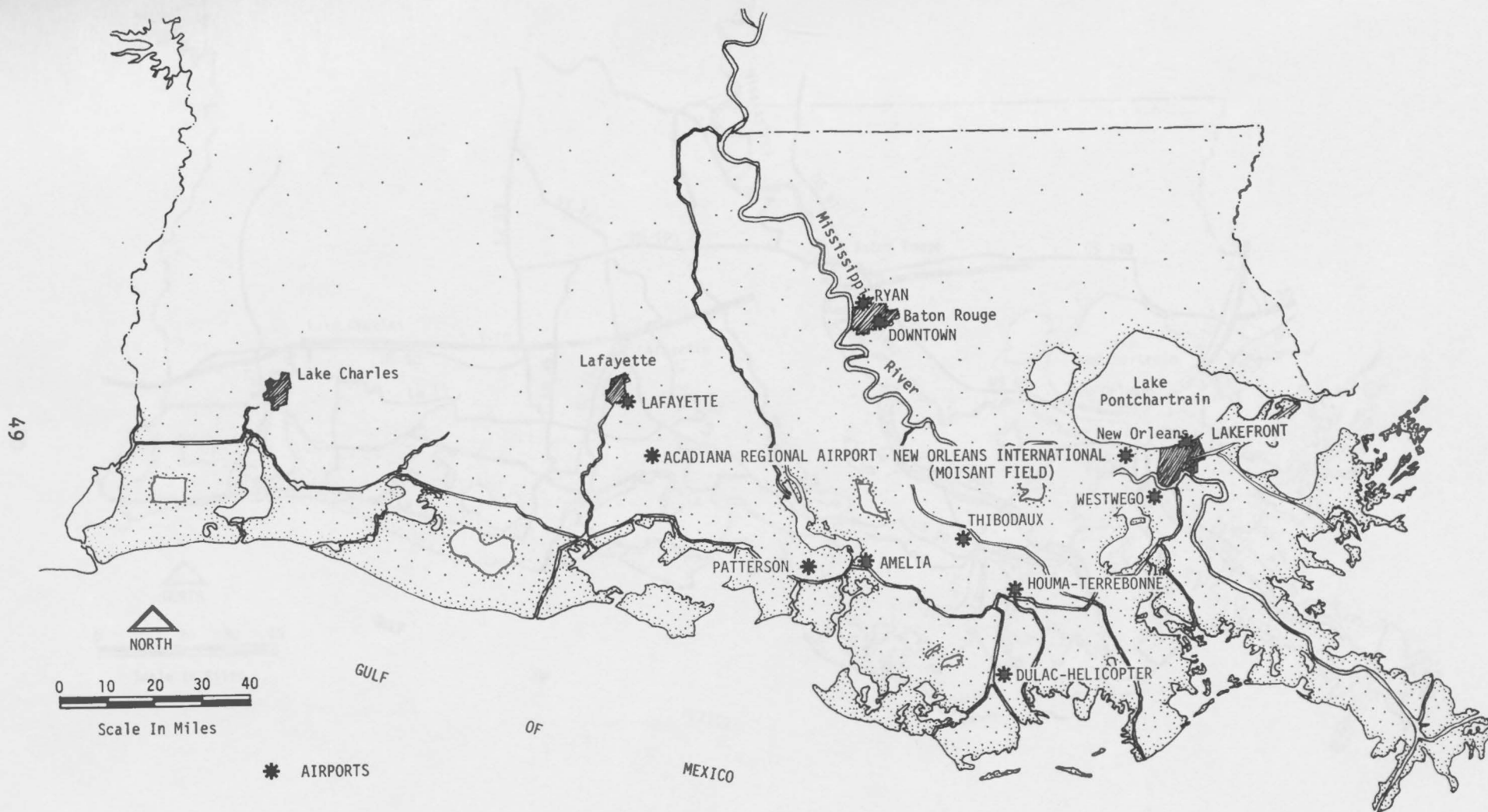


Fig. 12 LOUISIANA AIRPORTS AND HELIPORTS USED BY OFFSHORE OPERATIONS

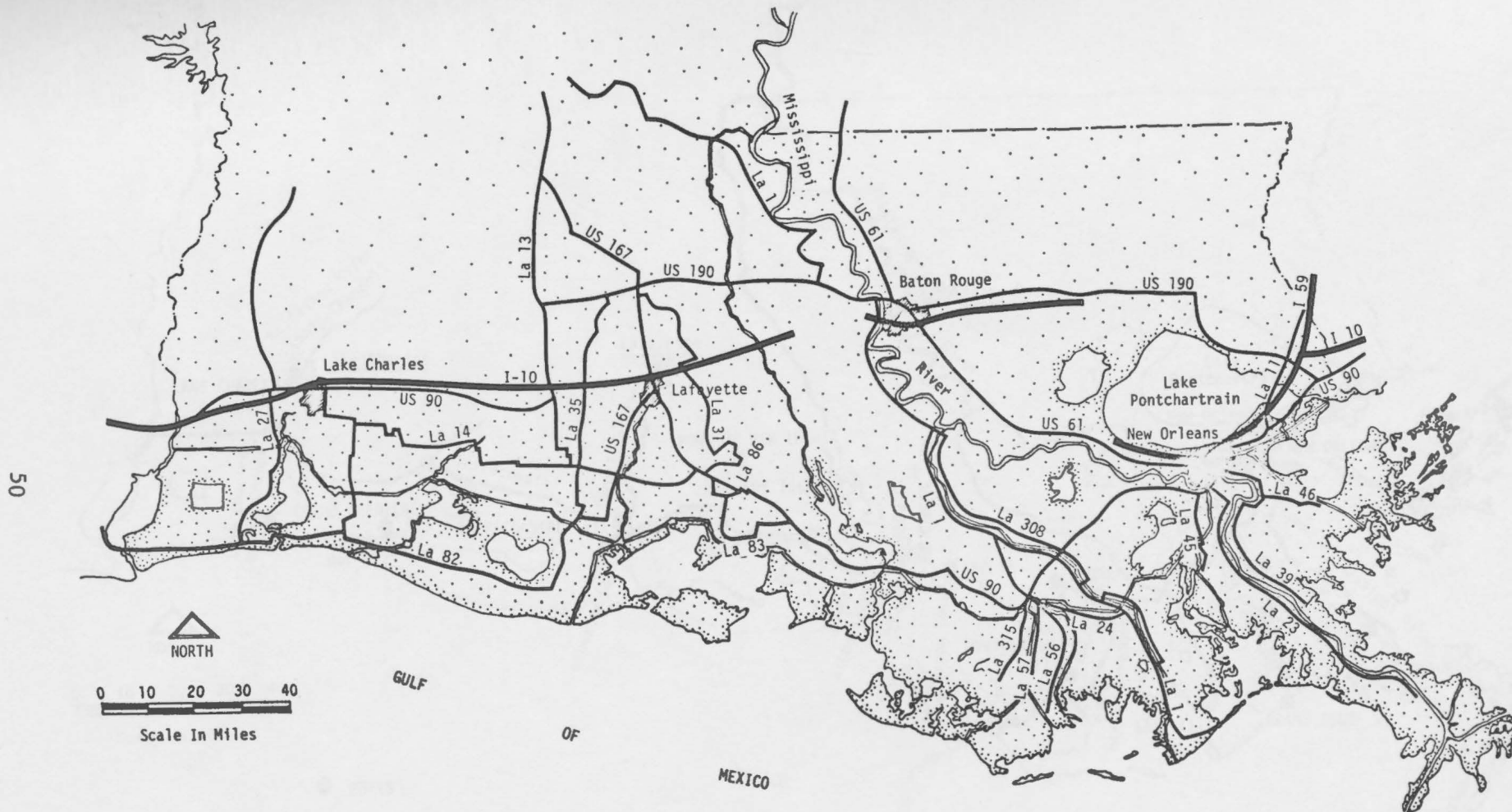


Fig. 13 LOUISIANA HIGHWAYS USED BY OFFSHORE OPERATIONS

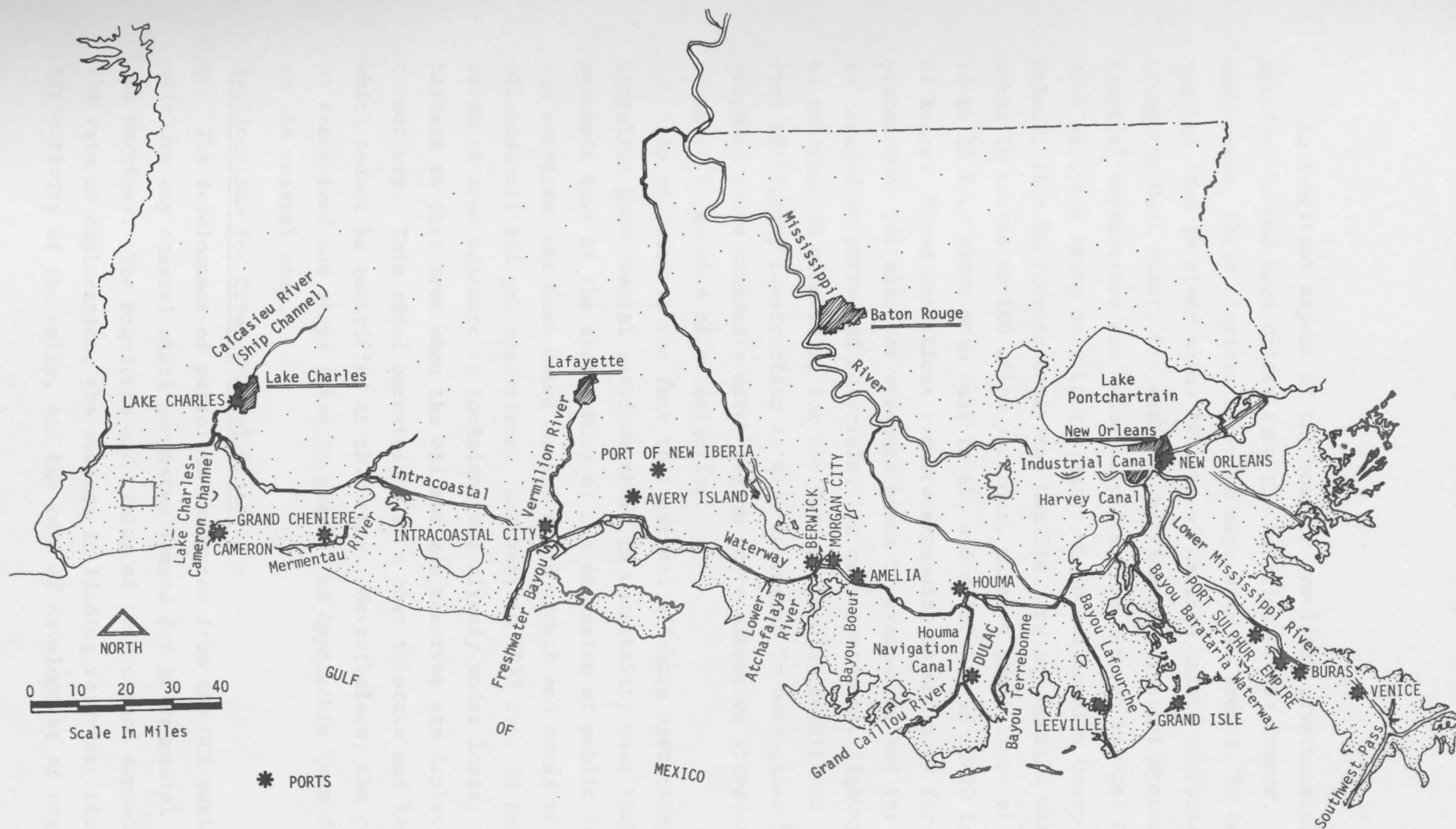


Fig. 14 LOUISIANA PORTS AND WATERWAYS USED BY OFFSHORE OPERATIONS

An important aspect of the cost of providing governmental services in OCS area arises from the location of the demand. In many cases, these services are more expensive to provide in coastal regions than in other areas because of certain unique characteristics. Along the Gulf coast, for example, hurricanes, tropical storms, and tropical depressions are especially damaging between May and October. Many of these bring only brief, gusty winds and locally heavy rainfall. Others, like hurricanes Betsy and Camille, are accompanied with violent winds in excess of 100 miles per hour, massive inundations of shoreline 10 to 15 feet above mean Gulf level, and rainfalls of 10-20 inches in 24 hours. These conditions require expenditures not only for hurricane protection, but also for adequate means of evacuation and for repairs to damaged property and materials. In many instances, highways must be constructed especially for use during flooding conditions. The cost of highway construction is also increased in many cases because the proposed route crosses a marsh region where extensive preparation is required in advance of construction.

In addition to the fact that current offshore operations require shoreline governmental services, there is uncertainty over the future economic base of the area. Much of the expansion of public facilities and services has been based on the rapid growth and needs of the offshore oil and gas operations. However, in 1972 over 38 percent of the offshore area adjacent to Louisiana was already under lease. As to what happens to this area when the oil and gas reserves are depleted, one cannot say. This added uncertainty is a cost to state and local government which cannot be quantified at this time. Nevertheless, the cost must be recognized and steps taken to prevent an Appalachia from developing in the coastal zone.

#### Implications for Other Coastal States

The development of petroleum resources from the OCS region offshore any coastal state generates demand for governmental facilities and services. The magnitude and timing of this demand depend upon the rate of exploration, the success in finding reserves, the productivity of the wells, and the rate of development of reserves.



Other factors influence the induced impact of such development upon a region. These include, among others, the willingness of states and localities to construct and operate refineries and petrochemical plants. One way of estimating the possible impact of the demand for governmental services is to relate the projected additions in petroleum reserves to employment. The following analysis focuses on the possible magnitude of the cost of governmental services stemming from development of resources offshore the United States in the Pacific Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, and the Gulf of Mexico.

The Committee on the U.S. Energy Outlook of the National Petroleum Council recently published estimates of petroleum potential for various regions of the United States. These estimates of remaining discoverable resources were presented previously in tables II and III. The committee also forecast additions to reserves under varying assumptions with respect to drilling rates and finding rates. The estimates for regions offshore the lower 48 states are shown in tables XV and XVI for two of the assumptions.

Table XV  
PROJECTED REGIONAL NON-ASSOCIATED GAS RESERVES  
ADDED DURING THE PERIOD 1971-1985  
(Cumulative in Thousands of Cubic Feet)

Region	High Finding Rate and Medium Drilling Rate	Low Finding Rate and Medium Drilling Rate
Atlantic Ocean	11.4	7.6
Pacific Ocean	0.3	0.3
Gulf of Mexico	95.6	63.3

Source: *U.S. Energy Outlook: A Report of the National Petroleum Council's Committee on U.S. Energy Outlook*, December 1972, p. 103.

Table XVI  
PROJECTED REGIONAL CRUDE OIL RESERVE ADDITIONS  
DURING THE PERIOD 1971-1985  
(In Billions of Barrels)

Region	High Finding Rate and Medium Drilling Rate	Low Finding Rate and Medium Drilling Rate
Atlantic Ocean	0.5	0.4
Pacific Ocean	4.2	3.1
Gulf of Mexico	6.4	4.6

Source: *U.S. Energy Outlook: A Report of the National Petroleum Council's Committee on U.S. Energy Outlook*, December 1972, p. 84.

The estimates shown in tables XV and XVI were used in conjunction with historical relationships for Louisiana to obtain estimates of the magnitude of governmental costs. For the period 1956-1970, the additions to reserves for natural gas and oil for the Gulf of Mexico were 42.1 thousands of cubic feet and 5.0 billion barrels, respectively. Based on the earlier estimate of 15,000 persons being employed in the OCS offshore Louisiana and the fact that about 85 percent of offshore production comes from federal areas, it is estimated that approximately 17,650 are engaged in all offshore activity. This number was used as the employment level necessary to develop the additions to reserves in the Gulf of Mexico for the 1956-1970 period. This number may be low because in recent years approximately 10 percent of the oil produced from the OCS came from offshore Texas. The 17,650 employees were then allocated to oil and gas on the basis of the number of producing wells of each type--25 percent gas and 75 percent oil.

The estimates of the mining employment needed to develop the additions to reserves for the various areas were then developed, using the following relationship:

$$\frac{\text{Allocated Louisiana Mining Employment}}{\text{Additions to Reserves for the Period 1956-1970}} = \frac{\text{Estimated Regional Mining Employment}}{\text{Estimated Additions to Reserves}}$$

To estimate the additional employment in other activities such as manufacturing, construction, refining, and chemicals and allied products, the relationship that currently holds for Louisiana was used. There are 1.687 persons employed in these categories for each mining employee. In addition, supporting employment was estimated in the same way it was earlier in the report for Louisiana--for every employee in the basic industries discussed above, it was assumed that there were approximately 2.087 persons in supporting employment opportunities.

The estimates for employment by region under both the assumption of high finding and low finding rates coupled with a medium drilling rate, are shown in Table XVII.

Table XVII  
ESTIMATED REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS

Region	Mining Employment	Other Basic Industry Employment	Supporting Activity Employment	Total Employment
Assumption I: High Finding Rate and Medium Drilling Rate				
Atlantic Ocean	2,520	4,250	14,130	20,900
Pacific Ocean	11,150	18,810	62,520	92,480
Gulf of Mexico	26,960	45,490	151,190	223,640
Assumption II: Low Finding Rate and Medium Drilling Rate				
Atlantic Ocean	1,860	3,130	10,410	15,400
Pacific Ocean	8,240	13,900	46,200	68,340
Gulf of Mexico	18,810	31,730	105,470	156,010

The cost of governmental services was estimated using the current relationships between employment and population for Louisiana and the current cost per capita for governmental services. The total population is 3.1431 times as large as total employment, and governmental expenditures were \$677.88 per capita, as shown in Table XVIII.

Table XVIII  
IMPACT ON DEMAND FOR GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED  
WITH DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL OFFSHORE PETROLEUM

Region	Employment	Population	Annual Cost of Governmental Services
Assumption I: High Finding Rate and Medium Drilling Rate			
Atlantic Ocean	20,900	65,690	\$ 44,529,900
Pacific Ocean	92,480	290,670	197,039,400
Gulf of Mexico	223,640	702,920	476,495,400
Assumption II: Low Finding Rate and Medium Drilling Rate			
Atlantic Ocean	15,400	48,400	\$ 32,809,400
Pacific Ocean	68,340	214,800	145,608,600
Gulf of Mexico	156,010	490,360	332,405,000

These estimates of costs for governmental services are only rough indications of the potential magnitude of such costs. In reality, many factors enter the situation. The cost of governmental service will vary from region to region and probably can be expected to rise for all regions. The employment relationships currently applicable in the Louisiana situation may not hold for other areas now or in the future. Moreover, the productivity of the petroleum fields themselves can be expected to vary from region to region.

In view of all these factors, it is useful to consider the magnitude of the potential costs and to consider the direction of potential errors in these estimates. Two factors may suggest that the costs can be even higher than that estimated. These factors are (1) that the Louisiana offshore fields have been very productive and other regions may experience less productivity; and (2) the costs of governmental services have steadily risen for all regions in the country.

The estimates previously discussed deal with all of the offshore areas because estimates of additions to reserves are not broken down into state and federal areas. The proportion of development taking place in federal areas and state areas will vary from region to region.

## MINERAL LEASING ON FEDERAL AND OFFSHORE AREAS

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### Onshore Lands

The Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 436, 30 U.S.C. 181 seq.) provides for the sharing of mineral leasing revenues from federal lands with the state within which the federal lands are located.

. . . 37-1/2 per centum of the amounts derived from such bonuses, royalties, and rentals shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury after the expiration of each fiscal year to the State within the boundaries of which the leased lands or deposits are or were located, said monies to be used by such State or subdivisions thereof for the construction and maintenance of public roads or for the support of public schools or other public educational institutions, as the legislature of the State may direct . . .

The apparent intent of the rebate provision of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 was it . . . "gives the States a certain portion of the revenues to partly reimburse them for their losses in taxes."<sup>13</sup> Today each state receives 37.5 percent of the bonuses, royalties and rentals collected by the federal government except Alaska which receives 90 percent of mineral leasing revenues. The distribution of funds under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 is presented in Table XIX.

### Offshore Water Bottoms

The following paragraphs contain a brief summary of the historical legal status of offshore lands and the current practices now in effect in regard to the leasing of such lands.

#### Legal Status

The controversy over ownership of coastal submerged lands began in the 1920s.<sup>14</sup> California was the first state to issue oil and gas lease

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<sup>13</sup>Mr. Mondel, *Congressional Record* (October 28, 1919), p. 7649.

<sup>14</sup>This description of legal status is drawn from L. K. Weaver, C. J. Jirik, and H. T. Pierce, *Impact of Petroleum Development in the Gulf of Mexico* (Washington: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Mines), 1969, pp. 10-14.

Table XIX

RECEIPTS UNDER THE MINERAL LEASING ACT, FEBRUARY 25, 1920 - JUNE 30, 1972

State	Fiscal Year				Total
	1920-1969	1970	1971	1972	
Alabama	\$ 355,625	\$ 15,729	\$ 40,676	\$ 28,384	\$ 440,414
Alaska	88,137,456	9,207,850	8,910,283	8,144,514	114,400,103
Arizona	6,611,169	347,808	335,750	496,926	7,791,653
Arkansas	1,444,174	55,435	51,757	44,121	1,595,487
California	224,856,230	7,542,059	8,261,400	7,028,435	247,688,124
Colorado	184,213,230	8,236,750	7,888,341	9,392,007	209,730,328
Florida	15,377	79,579	90,973	5,377	191,306
Idaho	8,691,083	558,042	419,783	587,683	10,256,591
Illinois	222	--	--	--	222
Indiana	240	--	--	--	240
Kansas	5,195,543	479,787	436,381	463,415	6,575,126
Louisiana	8,565,927	753,754	865,603	711,594	10,896,878
Michigan	172,121	43,229	45,028	44,307	304,685
Mississippi	320,263	42,614	32,150	26,415	421,442
Montana	93,414,992	7,508,049	6,823,400	6,685,006	114,431,447
Nebraska	301,330	6,620	4,435	4,615	317,000
Nevada	16,410,332	1,152,170	969,208	720,636	19,252,346
New Mexico	347,831,566	29,989,734	31,502,346	31,049,508	440,373,154
North Dakota	7,407,404	534,198	538,628	576,882	9,057,112
Oklahoma	3,401,720	528,580	410,649	578,929	4,919,878
Oregon	869,176	73,685	183,542	178,552	1,304,955
South Dakota	4,821,700	468,202	283,463	227,310	5,800,675
Utah	136,028,278	8,597,546	9,208,512	9,970,842	163,805,178
Washington	221,325	281	15,008	522	237,136
Wyoming	710,663,071	50,889,708	57,923,768	52,858,026	872,334,573
TOTAL	\$1,849,949,554	\$127,111,409	\$135,241,084	\$129,824,006	\$2,242,126,053

NOTE: Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437, 30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.). These figures are not adjusted for refunds and other corrections.

Source: U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1973.



rights for submerged land. With the development of offshore activity in California, the U.S. Department of the Interior began receiving applications for oil leases under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920. During the ensuing years, attempts were made in Congress to pass legislation defining the state and federal role in the development of submerged lands. The issue remained unsettled during World War II. In September 1945, however, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Proclamation No. 2667 stating the federal government's jurisdiction over the seabed of the continental shelf. At the same time, he issued Executive Order No. 9633, placing the natural resources of the continental shelf under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior. This was followed by the landmark California Case (332 U.S. 19) in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the rights of the state ended at the water's edge and that the federal government had "paramount rights" to the submerged lands adjacent to its coast.

The decision of the U.S. Supreme Court aroused a great deal of opposition. A bill was introduced and passed in Congress to reverse the court's decision. The bill, however, was vetoed by President Harry S. Truman.

On June 5, 1950, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against the claims of Texas and Louisiana to the submerged waterbottoms (339 U.S. 707 and 339 U.S. 699). During the presidential campaign of 1952, General Dwight D. Eisenhower indicated that, if elected, he would support legislation establishing the state's rights to submerged land. Subsequently, the Submerged Lands Act was signed into law on May 22, 1953. The act established the seaward boundary of the states at three geographic miles from the coast-line, unless another historic boundary could be proved. In the litigation that followed, the constitutionality of the Submerged Lands Act was upheld by the Supreme Court. The Court held that the division of the continental shelf between the federal and state governments was a domestic matter and was therefore governed by Congress, which passed the act. In 1955, the federal government initiated action against Louisiana to establish its rights to the waterbottoms beyond three geographic miles and to establish an accounting for money derived from the disputed area.<sup>15</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> For a discussion of the delineation of zones 1, 2, 3, and 4, see *Ibid.*, pp. 11-14.

In 1960, the Supreme Court upheld the right of Texas and Florida to submerged lands extending three leagues (or 10.5 nautical miles) into the Gulf of Mexico. The same decree ruled that Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama are entitled to the submerged lands extending not more than three geographic miles from their coastlines. At this time Alaska, the Atlantic coast states, and Louisiana are still engaged in tidelands disputes with the federal government.

### Leasing Practices

The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, enacted on August 7, 1953, gives the Department of the Interior administrative authority over leasing of mineral rights in the outer continental shelf area. Within the Department of the Interior, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administers the OCS leasing provisions, and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) administers the OCS operating regulations.

Lease sales are scheduled at the Secretary of Interior's discretion. Normally, two lease sales are scheduled each fiscal year. The President's Energy Message in April 1973, however, called for more frequent and larger lease sales on the outer continental shelf. Both the USGS and BLM advise the Secretary in planning and evaluating lease activities. Usually when interest is expressed in a certain area, a call for nominations in a specified area is made. Specific tracts to be offered for lease are selected on the basis of a combination of geological, engineering, economic and environmental data. Once the tracts are selected, a notice of lands for lease is published in the *Federal Register*. The notice defines the terms and conditions of lease.

To date, leases have been received on the basis of a cash bonus and fixed royalty. The first year rental or minimum royalty is prescribed in notice. Royalties for OCS oil and gas have been 16-2/3 percent and, by law, cannot be less than 12.5 percent. Leases are made for five years and are maintained in force as long as production justifies the lease. The bid for a tract must be accompanied with a certified check or cashiers check, bank draft, money order, or cash equal to one-fifth the value of the bid. The remaining four-fifths of the bonus bid, plus the first year rental, is due within 30 days of the lease award. A summary of first year rentals and bonuses by contiguous states is presented in Table XX.

Table XX

SUMMARY OF OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF LEASE SALES, BY STATE, BY PRODUCT  
(1954-1972)

Lease Sales		Number of Leases	Acreage	Bonus	First Year Rental
By State	By Product				
California		124	678,121	\$ 636,715,849	\$ 2,038,361
Florida		23	132,480	1,711,872	397,440
Louisiana		1,321	5,588,918	5,352,891,396	19,352,116
Oregon		74	425,433	27,768,772	1,276,302
Texas		264	1,099,493	695,723,597	3,298,485
Washington		27	155,420	7,764,928	466,260
Total		1,833	8,079,865	\$6,763,764,414	\$26,828,964
	Oil and Gas	1,772	7,972,245	6,727,969,641	26,531,104
	Salt	2	4,995	105,814	14,985
	Sulfur	59	102,625	35,688,959	282,875
Total		1,833	8,079,865	\$6,763,764,414	\$26,828,964

Source: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

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The USGS administers the rules and regulations applicable to operations conducted under a lease issued by the Department of the Interior, including the regulation of drilling and production, collection of rental and royalty, well and other structure abandonment, etc. A summary of royalty payments made from 1954 to 1972 by contiguous states is presented in Table XXI.

Table XXI

SUMMARY OF OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF ROYALTIES FOR ALL PRODUCTS, BY ADJACENT STATE  
(1954-1972)

Year	State						Total
	California	Florida	Louisiana	Oregon	Texas	Washington	
1954	--	--	2,748,977	--	--	--	2,748,977
1955	--	--	5,139,027	--	979	--	5,140,006
1956	--	--	7,622,708	--	6,675	--	7,629,383
1957	--	--	11,387,865	--	3,380	--	11,391,245
1958	--	--	17,423,878	--	--	--	17,423,878
1959	--	--	26,539,836	--	141	--	26,539,977
1960	--	--	37,095,254	--	47	--	37,095,301
1961	--	--	47,920,332	--	--	--	47,920,332
1962	--	--	66,094,497	--	1,837	--	66,096,334
1963	--	--	76,972,598	--	26,627	--	76,999,225
1964	--	--	88,397,781	--	2,449	--	88,400,230
1965	--	--	102,860,874	--	1,666	--	102,862,540
1966	--	--	135,390,922	--	1,596,615	--	136,987,537
1967	--	--	153,271,258	--	4,336,351	--	157,607,609
1968	906,430	--	195,553,524	--	4,676,977	--	201,136,931
1969	4,891,885	--	230,198,962	--	4,999,819	--	240,090,666
1970	12,599,910	--	265,953,798	--	4,940,860	--	283,494,568
1971	17,115,304	--	328,279,048	--	4,648,136	--	350,042,488
1972	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total	35,513,529	--	1,798,851,139	--	25,242,559	--	1,859,607,227

Source: Gulf South Research Institute.

Appendix A

NUMBER OF PERMITS GRANTED FOR GEOLOGICAL  
AND/OR GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATION

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Year	Alaska	Atlantic	Gulf Coast					Pacific	Yearly Total
			Alabama	Florida	Louisiana	Mississippi	Texas		
1963	9	1	2	1	143	1	18	6	181
1964	5	6	2	7	110	1	85	14	230
1965	12	2	3	7	155	1	140	21	341
1966	11	10	11	30	360	6	136	27	591
1967	17	5	7	26	301	3	138	54	551
1968	27	9	13	26	188	12	95	28	398
1969	30	7	10	10	160	9	61	18	305
1970	40	4	4	13	134	5	48	5	253
1971	27	4	7	19	150	5	38	4	254
TOTAL	178	46	59	139	1,701	43	759	177	3,104

Source: "Questions and Policy Issues Related to Oversight Hearings on the Administration of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to be Held by the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, Pursuant to S. Res. 45, March 23, 1972," U.S. Department of the Interior, 1972.



Appendix B

EMPLOYMENT AND GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES  
ASSOCIATED WITH OCS PETROLEUM PRODUCTION

## Appendix B

### EMPLOYMENT AND GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES ASSOCIATED WITH OCS PETROLEUM PRODUCTION

Employment in a basic industry such as mining can be expected to induce employment in related and supporting activities. The methodology for arriving at the estimates of the number of persons employed in mining related to OCS activity and in induced activities is discussed in this section. Employment data is summarized in the following tabulation:

<u>Employment Category</u>	<u>Estimate of Number Employed as a Result of OCS Activity</u>	
Mining	15,000	
Manufacturing	10,500	
Construction	4,700	
Chemicals and allied products	7,300	
Refining	<u>2,800</u>	
Subtotal		40,000
Supporting employment	<u>84,100</u>	
Subtotal		<u>84,100</u>
TOTAL		124,400

## Mining

It is estimated that 15,000 persons employed in the mining category in Louisiana are associated with outer continental shelf activity. This estimate is based on information from a mail questionnaire, telephone conversations with a number of people associated with the industry, and an analysis of employment data.

Discussions of the problem with persons in the industry indicate that even those intimately concerned with OCS activity have difficulty in determining how many people are engaged in activity associated with the OCS. Part of the problem is separating an individual's time into the part spent on on-shore problems and the part spent on offshore problems. Perhaps as many as 75 percent of the 50,000 persons employed in the mining category spend some time on offshore-related problems. It may be that as many as 50 percent of the people now employed in mining would not be so employed if there were no OCS activity.

Analysis of data from questionnaires returned by large firms (which were verified by telephone calls) resulted in a conservative estimate that 30 percent of the employees in mining are associated with OCS activities.

The number of persons reported on the questionnaires as being engaged in activity related to the OCS was related to the number of persons employed in SIC codes 131, 132, 138, according to Louisiana Employment Security data for 38 southern parishes. The results are shown in Table B-1.

The number of persons associated with OCS activity can also be estimated by relating the percentage of production taking place from the OCS of total Louisiana production to employment. In 1970, 29.3 percent of the oil and 28.9 percent of the gas came from the federal OCS areas. By rounding both figures to 29 percent and multiplying total state mining employment by that figure, the following number is obtained:

$$49,685 \times .29 = 14,409$$

Table B-1

## RELATIONSHIP OF OCS MINING EMPLOYMENT OF TOTAL MINING EMPLOYMENT

Company	Employment in SIC Codes 131, 132, 138*	OCS Employment Reported on Questionnaire	OCS Mining Employment, as Percent of Total
A	1,020	225	.22
B	1,960	493	.25
L	959	311	.32
D	184	75	.41
E	279	250	.90

\*For 38 southern parishes in Louisiana.

This is an estimate of only the federal OCS-related employment. Additional employment would be associated with state offshore activity. In 1970, state offshore oil and gas production was 6.8 percent and 7.7 percent of the state total, respectively. If seven percent is used as a conservative approximation of the two, employment for this activity can be estimated as

$$49,685 \times .07 = 3,478$$

The total for the federal OCS and the state offshore areas, therefore, would be 17,887 persons.

Employment can alternatively be estimated by using the number of producing oil and gas wells as a means of allocating total employment. The following relationships are then found:

Oil Wells

Total number of wells, 1970 = 28,278

Land 23,493 ÷ total = .83

State offshore 1,171 ÷ total = .04

Federal OCS 3,614 ÷ total = .13

### Gas Wells

Total number of wells, 1970 = 10,333

Land 8,708 ÷ total = .84

State offshore 322 ÷ total = .03

Federal OCS 1,303 ÷ total = .13

### Related to Employment

49,685 x .13 = 6,459	}	7,949
" x .03 = 1,490		
" x .84 = 41,735		

The last estimate does not seem realistic, according to people involved in the industry.

One of the major problems associated with estimating the total number of people related to OCS activity is the manner in which governmental sources classify employment. For example, one firm indicated on the questionnaire that approximately 455 of its employees with Louisiana residences are associated with OCS production. These individuals, however, were not counted in the mining category in Employment Security data.

### Construction

The number of persons in Louisiana employed in construction related to OCS petroleum production is estimated to be 4,700, on the basis of 1970 census data and the methodology described below.

The four employment categories of agriculture, forestry and fisheries; mining; construction; and manufacturing were assumed to be the basic industrial employment base. It was assumed that if there were no employment in any of these four categories, there would be no other employment. The employment in the major category of construction was then allocated to the other three in relation to their relative importance. In the case of mining, the percentage of construction employment allocated was determined by dividing 46,584 (the 1970 employment in mining) by the total employment in agriculture, forestry,

and fisheries; mining; and manufacturing (278,607).

The resulting percentage was multiplied by employment in construction (96,600). The number obtained is the total associated with mining, and since 29 percent of the total production is obtained from the OCS, that percentage was used to obtain the final estimate of approximately 4,700.

#### Construction Calculation

Total construction employment	96,609
Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries	47,999
Mining	46,584
Manufacturing	<u>184,024</u>
	278,607

$$\left(\frac{46,584}{278,607}\right) (96,609) (.29) = 4,684$$

#### Manufacturing

It is estimated that approximately 10,500 persons employed in manufacturing are associated with, or dependent upon, OCS activity. This number excludes those in the subcategories of refining and chemicals and allied products. The methodology employed in obtaining this estimate was the same as that used for construction, with the exception that all of the employment in chemicals and allied products and 9,500 persons from the other nondurable goods category to account for refining employment were excluded and treated separately.

#### Manufacturing Calculation

Total Employment in Manufacturing		184,024
Less:		
Chemicals and Allied Products	25,223	
Refining	<u>9,500</u>	
		<u>34,723</u>
		<u>149,301</u>
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries		47,999
Mining		465,584
Construction		<u>96,609</u>
		191,192

$$\left(\frac{46,584}{191,192}\right) (149,301) (.29) = 10,549$$

### Chemicals and Allied Products

Based on the ratio of OCS production to total petroleum production, it is estimated that approximately 7,300 employees in the chemicals and allied products category are dependent upon OCS activity. Since petroleum activity is so directly related to the manufacture of chemicals and allied products, it seems appropriate to relate the employment to production in this manner.

#### Chemicals and Allied Products Calculation

$$25,223 \times .29 = 7,315$$

### Refining

The number of employees in refining who are dependent upon OCS production is estimated to be approximately 2,800. This estimate was determined in the same way as that for chemicals and allied products.

#### Refining Calculation

$$9,500 \times .29 = 2,755$$

### Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries

None of the employment in the category of agriculture, forestry, and fisheries was related to the OCS petroleum production.

### Supporting Employment

For every employee in one of the four major categories, it is estimated that there are 2.0868752 persons employed, on the average, in other categories. This figure was obtained using 1970 census data which indicated that employment in the four categories totaled 375,216, while all other employment totaled 783,029. The number of persons employed in supporting activities is estimated to be 84,100.