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## **E2: Offshore Drilling Hinders Transition to Clean Energy Economy, Puts Coastal Communities at Risk**

WASHINGTON (April 28, 2017) Today, President Trump will sign an Executive Order that attempts to reverse the permanent protections against expanded offshore drilling in America's Arctic and Atlantic oceans established by President Obama.

**The following is a statement by Bob Keefe, executive director of the national, nonpartisan business group Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2):**

"President Trump wants to pursue risky and costly offshore drilling for dirty energy instead of investing in America's booming clean energy sector," Keefe said. "Drilling in these waters is not only counterproductive to clean energy growth, it also contributes to climate change and unnecessarily puts coastal communities and businesses at risk of the next big oil spill. A smarter, more forward-looking strategy would seize on current market realities and hasten our transition to a clean energy economy."

See here for an E2 [fact sheet](#) detailing the 3 million U.S. clean energy jobs. Also, social media graphics are available [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

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