

# CLEAN ENERGY NOW ACTS



Introduced on July 26, 2023, the CLEAN Energy NOW Acts will advance clean energy development on our public lands and waters by repealing harmful ties to fossil fuel leasing requirements.

Last year, Democrats passed the biggest investment in climate and clean energy in history through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The landmark law included much-needed incentives for clean energy development, as well as long overdue reforms to the U.S. Department of the Interior's (DOI) onshore and offshore oil and gas leasing programs. However, the IRA also tied new clean energy development on our public lands and waters to harmful oil and gas leasing requirements for the next ten years.

## Comprehensive Legislation for Expanding and Advancing Nonrestrictive (CLEAN) Energy Act

*Introduced by Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove (D-Calif.)*

**Repeals paragraph (1) of Section 50265(b) of the IRA to end the mandate that DOI hold an onshore oil and gas lease sale in the 120 days prior to issuing an onshore solar or wind right of way.**

## Nonrestrictive Offshore Wind (NOW) Act

*Introduced by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.), Co-lead Rep. Deborah Ross (D-N.C.)*

**Repeals paragraph (2) of Section 50265(b) of the IRA to end the mandate that DOI hold an offshore oil and gas lease sale in the year prior to issuing an offshore wind lease.**

## Why do we need to ramp up clean energy development & phase out fossil fuel development on our public lands?

- The IPCC has stated unequivocally that the world must cut carbon pollution in half in order to avoid a catastrophic 1.5 degrees Celsius increase in global temperature. Phasing out existing fossil fuel development is essential to this goal.
- Fossil fuel development on U.S. public lands is responsible for nearly a quarter of the country's carbon pollution. Our public lands must be a major part of our climate solution.
- Low-income communities, communities of color, and Indigenous communities have been historically overburdened by pollution from fossil fuel development and disasters (e.g., oil spills and pipeline failures) for decades. These environmental justice communities have higher rates of poor birth outcomes, asthma, emergency room visits, and other adverse health outcomes.
- In contrast, clean energy development creates good-paying union jobs, revitalizes economic development, reduces pollution, and helps us reach our ambitious climate goals.

**Provisions that tie clean energy development to fossil fuel development increase harmful carbon pollution, put our climate future at risk, and place environmental justice communities in harm's way.**

**The CLEAN Energy NOW Acts help unleash our country's clean energy potential on our public lands without forcing these unnecessary sacrifices on our environment, our health, and our future.**

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