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**[EXTERNAL] Coastal Plain (Area 1002) Oil and Gas Leasing Program within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge**

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Experts say an oil spill would be inevitable. Offshore drilling threatens our oceans, marine wildlife, and terrestrial wildlife with the risk of catastrophic oil spills. **The Interior Department estimates a 75% chance of a major oil spill in the Arctic's Chukchi Sea from just a single lease sale.** Oil spills can also take numerous years to clean up. Nearly 20 years after the Exxon Valdez spill, more than 26,000 gallons of oil still remain in shoreline soils. Sadly, oil spills take place on a relatively consistent basis. Each year, about 880,000 gallons of oil are sent to the ocean from U.S. drilling operations.

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