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**[EXTERNAL] No need to drill**

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To: blm\_ak\_coastalplain\_EIS@blm.gov

Dear Sirs,

There's been declining interest in Arctic Refuge oil exploration in the last decade as fracking technology enabled oil companies to reach previously inaccessible reserves. Coupled with increased offshore drilling, U.S. crude oil reserves doubled between 2008 and 2014 and oil prices are a fraction of what they were a decade ago. At the same time, conservation allowed U.S. oil imports to decline from 12.5 million barrels per day in 2005 to 5 million in 2014. Increased fuel economy standards will save the U.S. more oil than we import from the Persian Gulf and Venezuela combined.

Thank you for your attention.

M. Benet