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[EXTERNAL] Coastal Plain leasing

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As [Nils Warnock wrote this week](#) in the Anchorage Daily News, "When it comes to Arctic management, why should we trust Sens. Murkowski and Sullivan's assertions of safe and responsible development when processes are being rushed, and at the same time, environmental protections in the U.S. are heading back to the Dark Ages with our senator's implicit (if not open) support? The hypocrisy here is thick."

And in [The Hill, Miyoko Sakashita](#) further expands on the overlapping dangers of rushed processes and weakened regulations in the administration's Coastal Plain leasing attempts and [offshore drilling proposals](#): "The already-extreme risks of Arctic offshore drilling are being increased by Trump administration efforts to repeal offshore drilling safety rules adopted after Deepwater Horizon and special rules designed specifically for dangerous, remote Arctic drilling."

These actions would put Arctic ecology, communities, climate, and workers at risk. The repeals Sakashita mentions would create a riskier work environment in an [already dangerous industry for workers](#), sacrificing adequate training and safety measures, just one of so many reasons these plans must be stopped.

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