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[EXTERNAL] Oil and gas leasing in ANWR is wrong1 message

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There are many reasons to stop oil and gas leasing in ANWR.

1. The oil and gas industry already has a large surplus of leases and permits in the rest of the U. S.
2. Adding to the surplus doesn't make good business sense.
3. Drilling would harm the surrounding environment, contrary to the claims of some politicians.
4. After a long study, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concluded that the roads, infrastructure, and oil spills would damage the area for wildlife.
5. Oil and gas development in ANWR is contrary to the interests of the Alaskan Native communities.
6. Most importantly, efforts to increase oil and gas production beyond currently developed areas is exactly opposite to what is needed to reduce fossil fuel use and dependency.

Thank you,

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