

POLICY POSITION

2. OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF REVENUES

The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act amendments of 1978 provide in section 8(g) for a fair and equitable sharing of revenues generated by leasing and resource production from "common pool" areas, those immediately adjacent to the state-federal OCS boundary.

The federal government has failed to fully implement the provisions of section 8(g), forcing states to pursue litigation as well as negotiation in attempts to obtain their share of the more than \$5.2 billion in "common pool" monies currently held in escrow. Resolution of section 8(g) disputes has been impeded by the numerous federal entities involved and the varying positions assumed by these agencies.

Recommendations

The Southern Legislative Conference urges the Administration to coordinate the activities of the Department of Interior, the Justice Department, and the Office of Management and Budget in this matter, moving expeditiously to settle the disputes with the affected coastal states and to implement section 8(g) by disbursing the escrowed funds and agreeing to future distributions.

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