



Don't let this happen in the Arctic Ocean.

For three weeks the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico has raced ahead of cleanup efforts, despite temperate weather and extensive spill-response resources in the area. Yet the Interior Department has approved plans to drill exploratory offshore wells this summer in the U.S. Arctic, where cleanup technology is extremely limited. In fact, for much of the year, the Arctic Ocean is a vast expanse of broken ice, sub-zero cold, extended storms and continuous darkness.

Alaska Natives, along with polar bears, walrus, bowhead whales and millions of migratory birds, depend on this fragile marine environment. It's essential that Interior suspend all plans for exploratory drilling there until the Gulf spill can be fully assessed and steps are taken to prevent this kind of catastrophe from happening in the Arctic.

Suspend exploratory drilling in U.S. Arctic waters NOW.



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