

# GULF OF MEXICO ENERGY SECURITY ACT (GOMESA)

## Update

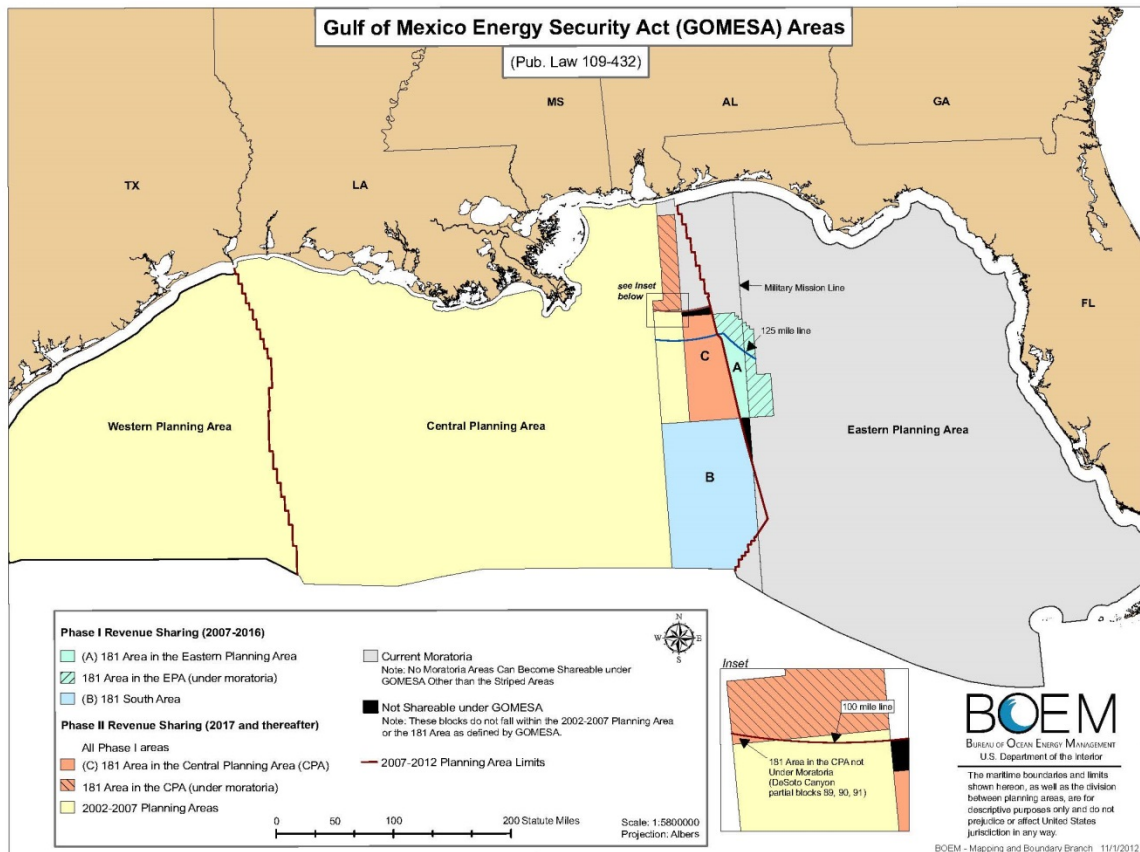
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The Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) of 2006 (Pub. Law 109-432) enhances Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas leasing activities and revenue sharing in the Gulf of Mexico. It shares leasing revenues with Gulf producing states (Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas) and the Land & Water Conservation Fund for coastal restoration projects, coastal conservation, and hurricane protection.

Figure 1. Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) Areas



There are two phases of GOMESA revenue sharing:

**Phase I:** Beginning in Fiscal Year 2007, 37.5 percent of all qualified OCS revenues, including bonus bids, rentals and production royalty, has been shared among the four States and their coastal political subdivisions from those leases issued in the 181 Area in the Eastern planning area and the 181 South Area. Additionally, 12.5 percent of revenues have been allocated to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

**Phase II:** The second phase of GOMESA revenue sharing begins in Fiscal Year 2017 with payments beginning in FY 2018. It expands the definition of qualified OCS revenues to include receipts from GOM leases issued either after December 20, 2006 in the 181 Call Area, or in 2002–2007 GOM Planning Areas subject to withdrawal or moratoria restrictions. A cap of \$375

million per year is currently in place to be divided by the four gulf energy-producing states. Based on past and current leasing, Louisiana's share of GOMESA revenue for FY 2018 is estimated to be \$176 million, or 47 percent of the GOMESA revenue cap. If the current White House budget is adopted as is, GOMESA revenues will be shared with all 50 US states, not only the Gulf states. GOMESA funds would be directed to broader national programs that benefit the entire nation, thus drastically reducing Louisiana's estimated share of qualified GOMESA funds.

**GOMESA Revenue-Sharing Allocations** (shown below) and other statistical information can be found at <http://statistics.onrr.gov/> under Common Data Summaries.

Figure 2. Disbursements for All States FY 2009 – FY 2014



GOMESA Disbursements  
FY 2009 through FY 2014

Fund	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Coastal Political Subdivision Share	\$5,048,008.21	\$545,948.74	\$173,192.29	\$62,799.81	\$62,799.81	\$856,371.90
Land & Water Conservation Fund	\$585,996.47	\$288,653.84	\$104,666.34	\$104,666.34	\$1,408,869.91	\$877,818.12
State Share	\$20,192,032.83	\$2,183,794.94	\$692,769.22	\$251,199.20	\$235,185.24	\$3,441,501.51
U.S. Treasury	\$4,195,639.98	\$1,154,615.35	\$418,665.35	\$418,665.35	\$5,635,479.50	\$3,511,263.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,021,677.49</b>	<b>\$4,173,012.87</b>	<b>\$1,389,293.20</b>	<b>\$837,330.76</b>	<b>\$7,342,334.46</b>	<b>\$8,686,954.58</b>

Figure 3. Louisiana's Disbursements for FY 2014



GOMESA Disbursements  
FY 2014 through FY 2014

Fund	County or Coastal Political Subdivision (CPS)	2014
Coastal Political Subdivision Share	Assumption Parish	\$9,139.78
	Calcasieu Parish	\$12,802.07
	Cameron Parish	\$14,385.55
	Iberia Parish	\$12,286.24
	Jefferson Parish	\$24,152.12
	Lafourche Parish	\$14,197.32
	Livingston Parish	\$12,879.51
	Orleans Parish	\$21,369.55
	Plaquemines Parish	\$28,830.17
	St. Bernard Parish	\$16,171.64
	St. Charles Parish	\$11,252.28
	St. James Parish	\$9,392.78
	St. John the Baptist Parish	\$10,391.78
	St. Martin Parish	\$9,929.26
	St. Mary Parish	\$10,178.22
	St. Tammany Parish	\$17,898.31
Tangipahoa Parish	\$12,924.07	
Terrebonne Parish	\$19,086.81	
Vermilion Parish	\$11,430.77	
<b>State Share</b>		<b>\$1,119,942.08</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,398,640.31</b>

Information on GOMESA can be found at the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management website: <http://www.boem.gov/Oil-and-Gas-Energy-Program/Energy-Economics/Revenue-Sharing/Index.aspx>.