



**MEMORANDUM**

January 14, 2009

**To:** House Committee on Natural Resources  
**From:** Marc Humphries  
**Subject:** Federal Lands Offered for Lease Since 1969 by Administration

This memorandum is in response to your request for information on the amount of federal lands offered for lease by various Administrations (President Richard Nixon through President George W. Bush). The table below provides offshore and onshore data by Administration. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) does not have data for onshore acreage offered for lease prior to 1988, according to BLM Mineral Leasing Specialist Gregory Shoop.

I hope this information meets your needs. If you have any further questions, please give me a call at extension 7-7264.

**Table I. Federal Land Offered for Lease by Administration**  
 1969-2008

Administration	Offshore Acreage	Onshore Acreage	Total Acreage
Nixon/Ford (1969-1976)	18,645,676	n/a (see note below)	n/a
Carter (1977-1980)	10,959,513	n/a	n/a
Reagan (1981-1988)	652,490,269	n/a	n/a
Bush (1989-1992)	259,554,410	36,651,813	296,206,223
Clinton (1993-2000)	420,277,357	46,427,365	466,704,722
Bush (2001-2008)	403,953,986	31,488,455	435,442,441

**Source:** Minerals Management Service(offshore data), Bureau of Land Management (onshore data)

**Note:** n/a – not available