

No More OffShore Oil Drilling

I write to call on my members of Congress to dramatically shift the focus of the new Climate Crisis bill, away from more emphasis on coal and especially the insane push for even more oil drilling in the Gulf, assuming it has not already been turned into an industrial sewer by the irresponsible corporate criminals at BP. No amount of dispersants can continue to conceal the truly biblical scale of the ongoing Gulf eco-catastrophe.

And instead of providing subsidies to dangerous and expensive new nuclear power plants, we need to redirect those same resources into real support for true renewables, concentrated solar technologies in particular. Only a fundamental shift in direction offers any hope of averting the climate disaster of our future, just as otherwise inevitable as a blow out incident just like the one we are witnessing in the Gulf right now.

If our legislative representatives will for once in their lives ever take actual scientists seriously, you must understand that just a half hearted bit of carbon offset trading has NO chance of actually reducing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere to 350 parts per million and keeping it there. Unless we do that, its inexorable rise, which continues unabated even now, will make the world of our near future unrecognizable from the temperate one we now enjoy.