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# H. R. 1043

To restore onshore energy production.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSENDALE (for himself, Mr. CARL, Mrs. BOEBERT, and Mr. MCCLINTOCK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

To restore onshore energy production.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ONSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASING.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENT TO IMMEDIATELY RESUME ON-  
5 SHORE OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Inte-  
7 rior shall immediately resume quarterly onshore oil  
8 and gas lease sales in compliance with the Mineral  
9 Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.).

10 (2) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of the Inte-  
11 rior shall ensure—

1 (A) that any oil and gas lease sale pursu-  
2 ant to paragraph (1) is conducted immediately  
3 on completion of all applicable scoping, public  
4 comment, and environmental analysis require-  
5 ments under the Mineral Leasing Act (30  
6 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) and the National Environ-  
7 mental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et  
8 seq.); and

9 (B) that the processes described in sub-  
10 paragraph (A) are conducted in a timely man-  
11 ner to ensure compliance with subsection (b)(1).

12 (3) LEASE OF OIL AND GAS LANDS.—Section  
13 17(b)(1)(A) of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.  
14 226(b)(1)(A)) is amended by inserting “Eligible  
15 lands comprise all lands subject to leasing under this  
16 Act and not excluded from leasing by a statutory or  
17 regulatory prohibition. Available lands are those  
18 lands that have been designated as open for leasing  
19 under a land use plan developed under section 202  
20 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of  
21 1976 and that have been nominated for leasing  
22 through the submission of an expression of interest,  
23 are subject to drainage in the absence of leasing, or  
24 are otherwise designated as available pursuant to

1 regulations adopted by the Secretary.” after “sales  
2 are necessary.”.

3 (b) QUARTERLY LEASE SALES.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with the Min-  
5 eral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.), each fiscal  
6 year, the Secretary of the Interior shall conduct a  
7 minimum of four oil and gas lease sales in each of  
8 the following States:

9 (A) Wyoming.

10 (B) New Mexico.

11 (C) Colorado.

12 (D) Utah.

13 (E) Montana.

14 (F) North Dakota.

15 (G) Oklahoma.

16 (H) Nevada.

17 (I) Alaska.

18 (J) Any other State in which there is land  
19 available for oil and gas leasing under the Min-  
20 eral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) or any  
21 other mineral leasing law.

22 (2) REQUIREMENT.—In conducting a lease sale  
23 under paragraph (1) in a State described in that  
24 paragraph, the Secretary of the Interior shall offer  
25 all parcels nominated and eligible pursuant to the

1 requirements of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.  
2 181 et seq.) for oil and gas exploration, develop-  
3 ment, and production under the resource manage-  
4 ment plan in effect for the State.

5 (3) REPLACEMENT SALES.—The Secretary of  
6 the Interior shall conduct a replacement sale during  
7 the same fiscal year if—

8 (A) a lease sale under paragraph (1) is  
9 canceled, delayed, or deferred, including for a  
10 lack of eligible parcels; or

11 (B) during a lease sale required under  
12 paragraph (1) not more than 25 percent of the  
13 area offered for leasing receives a bid.

14 (4) NOTICE REGARDING MISSED SALES.—Not  
15 later than 30 days after a sale required under this  
16 subsection is canceled, delayed, deferred, or other-  
17 wise missed the Secretary of the Interior shall sub-  
18 mit to the Committee on Natural Resources of the  
19 House of Representatives and the Committee on En-  
20 ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report  
21 that states what sale was missed and why it was  
22 missed.

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