

## NEWS ALERT: Federal Judge Blocks Biden's Executive Order Pausing Oil and Gas Leasing

A federal judge in Louisiana on Tuesday blocked President Joe Biden's executive order pausing oil and gas leasing. The judge issued a preliminary injunction blocking the Interior Department from pausing oil and gas leasing on federal lands and waters finding that Biden's leasing pause violates both the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act and the Mineral Leasing Act. He also faulted the order for not offering "any explanation" for the pause and for not seeking public notice and comment as required under the Administrative Procedure Act, actions the Interior Department would need to follow to carry out Biden's order.

Look for more details, analysis and news to come on this significant ruling.

