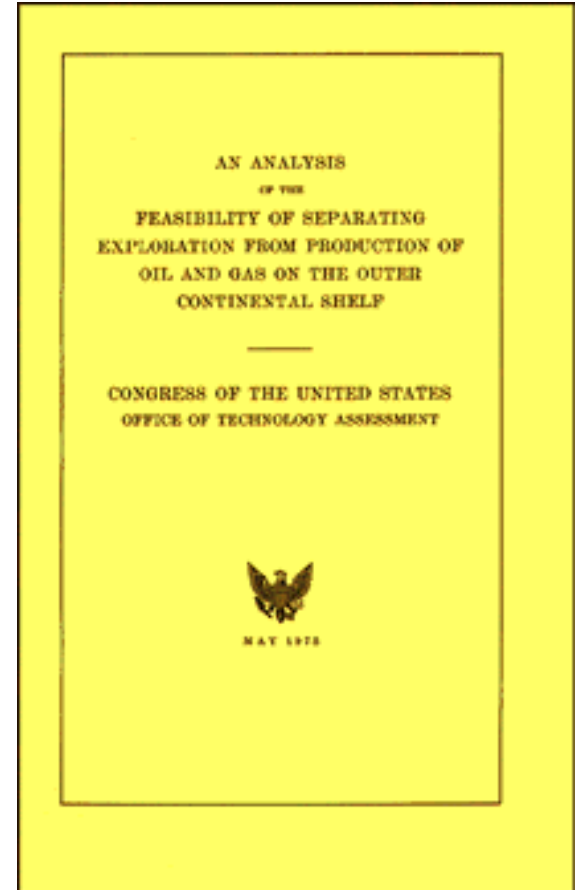


*Analysis of the Feasibility of Separating
Exploration From Production of Oil and
Gas on the Outer Continental Shelf*

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

MAY 8, 1975.

Hon. WARREN G. MAGNUSON,
*Chairman, Committee on Commerce,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.*

Hon. HENRY M. JACKSON,
*Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.*

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GENTLEMEN: We are pleased to transmit the following report on an OTA analysis of the feasibility of separating exploration from production of oil and gas on the Outer Continental Shelf.

Prepared by the Office of Technology Assessment with the assistance of an ad hoc Task Force, this report indicates that it is feasible to accomplish separation of exploration from production and presents a selected set of alternative methods to accomplish separation. Advantages, disadvantages and uncertainties associated with each are identified and analyzed in the report.

The summary of findings contained herein is not intended to reflect the views of individual members of the Technology Assessment Board of OTA.

Respectfully yours,

ULIN E. TEAGUE,
*Chairman of the Board,
Office of Technology Assessment.*

CLIFFORD P. CASE,
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LETTER OF SUBMITTAL

MAY 8, 1975.

Hon. OLIN E. TEAGUE,
Chairman of the Board, Office of Technology Assessment,
U.S. Congress,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am pleased to submit this report, entitled an "Analysis of the Feasibility of Separating Exploration from Production of Oil and Gas on the Outer Continental Shelf," which was jointly requested on January 23, 1975, by Senator Warren C. Magnuson, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, and Senator Henry M. Jackson, Chairman of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

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This report was prepared by the Office of Technology Assessment with the assistance of an ad hoc Task Force comprised of representatives of various elements of the oil exploration industry, including geophysical survey operations, exploration program planning and exploration drilling, and non-industry representatives on public policy and economics. Those involved in this analysis displayed resourcefulness and dedication in completing the assigned task.

Examination of and reactions to this analysis last month during joint hearings of the Senate Committees on Commerce and Interior and Insular Affairs will prove useful to OTA's ongoing oceans assessment, scheduled for completion later this year.

Sincerely,

EMILIO J. DADDARIO,
Director,
Office of Technology Assessment.

Enclosure.

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