



# Obama suspends Arctic drilling

The U.S. is suspending offshore oil drilling in the Arctic until 2011 as a result of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. The decision puts on hold controversial plans by Shell Oil to drill exploratory wells off Alaska this summer

 Areas open for exploration

 Shell Oil exploratory wells

*Chukchi and Beaufort Seas hold most of the 132bn barrels of recoverable oil thought to lie in Alaska's outer continental shelf*

