

## About the Military Gulf Range

- The eastern Gulf of Mexico houses a unique and irreplaceable national defense asset; the Eastern Gulf Test & Training Range.
- The EGTR is the largest military test and training range in the continental United States.
- It is over 460 miles long, extending from Northwest Florida down to Key West.
- Multiple military entities utilize the capabilities of the range; including Air Force, Navy, Army, Marines, and defense contractors.
- Oil drilling currently takes place in the western and central Gulf but not in the eastern Gulf where the range resides.



Eglin's Eastern Gulf Test & Training Range is essential for our nation's defense.



**Vote Yes for  
Amendment 9**



Defense Support Initiatives Committee  
Okaloosa-Santa Rosa-Walton Counties

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## Protect our Military and Tourism Industries

➤➤ **Vote YES for Amendment 9!**



**Oil Rigs in Louisiana State Waters**

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## What is Amendment 9?

- Prohibits drilling for the exploration or extraction of oil and natural gas beneath all state-owned waters between the mean high water line and the state's outermost territorial boundaries. (9 nautical miles or 11 statute miles)
- Prohibits use of vapor-generating electronic devices of tobacco smoking in enclosed indoor workplaces with exceptions; permits more restrictive local vapor ordinances.
- Put forth by the Constitution Revision Commission, which convenes every 20 years.

Prohibiting oil drilling in state waters is the first step to prohibiting oil drilling in federal waters.

## Why Vote Yes?

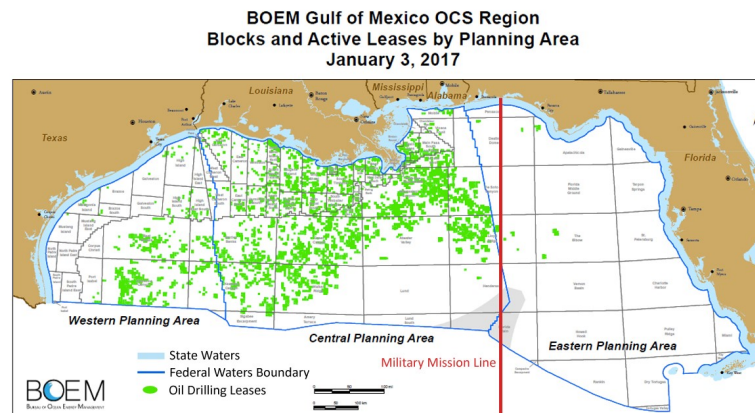
- To protect Florida's tourism industry
- To protect Florida's natural environment
- To protect the military test and training range located in the eastern Gulf
- To maintain military related jobs
- To maintain military economic contributions

## What Else Can I Do?

In addition to supporting Amendment 9, consider expressing support of the eastern Gulf Test & Training Range and extension of the Military Mission Line, which expires in 2022, to your Congressmen and Senators.

## What is the Military Mission Line?

The mandated north-south demarcation, known as the Military Mission Line, protects the EGTR from drilling encroachment. Oil drilling structures and associated exploratory activities are not compatible with military activities, would negatively impact military readiness and compromise our nation's military superiority.



Department of Interior Bureau of Ocean Energy Management map showing the MML and oil drilling infrastructure in the western and central Gulf areas.

The Defense Support Initiatives Committee supports energy independence—just not at the expense of military readiness or national security.

## What if Drilling Takes Place?

Military ranges are critical to our national security in order to simulate and prepare for anticipated, and unanticipated, threat environments today and in the future. If drilling and related activities are allowed in the eastern Gulf, military test and training activities will drastically decline. Jobs would be lost, both military and defense contractors, and the associated military economic value would also decline.

In 2017, the military economic impact for the state of Florida was over \$85 Billion and 802,000 jobs. Florida ranks fifth in the nation for defense contracts valued at \$14 Billion. In Okaloosa County alone there are 300 private sector defense contractors.

*“The eastern Gulf of Mexico is an irreplaceable national asset. No other area offers the DoD a comparable combination of air space, water space, and existing infrastructure to support military activities.”*  
—2018 Pentagon Report to Congress



**YES**

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