

**The Trump Administration’s Use of Determinations of NEPA Adequacy in
Oil and Gas Lease Sales in the Lower 48**

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The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) under the Trump administration is expanding its use of “Determinations of NEPA Adequacy” (DNAs) to approve oil and gas lease sales on public lands. By presuming a lease sale’s consistency with broad resource management plans, DNAs are a pro-forma planning exercise that circumvents detailed, site-specific environmental analysis and public participation required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

The Center for Biological Diversity tallied the number of acres for which BLM has used or is using DNAs to plan oil and gas lease sales in 2017 and 2018. The tally includes all BLM oil and quarterly lease sales in the lower 48 in 2017 and in the first two quarters of 2018 (the last two are not yet available). In total, the BLM used or is using DNAs to plan 201, 340 acres of oil and gas lease sales; about 88% of those acres, 176,792 acres, were in lease sales slated for the first two quarters for 2018.

**Oil and Gas Lease Sale Acres Planned Using DNAs in 2017 and
Quarters 1 and 2 of 2018, by BLM Region**

BLM Region	2017 DNA Acres	2018 DNA Acres
Eastern States	541.62	345.49
Colorado	15,865.00	61,119.08
Montana-Dakotas	4,425.47	102,814.00
Nevada	3,715.16	1,900.00
Utah	0.00	10,614.00
Total:	24,547.25	176,792.57
	Grand Total:	201,339.82

BLM planning documents that were assessed in this analysis are available at the following URL:

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/energy-and-minerals/oil-and-gas/leasing>

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