



JOHN R. KASICH
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

Executive Order 2012-10K

Prohibiting Drilling for Oil and Gas
From and Under the Bed of Lake Erie

WHEREAS, one-fifth of the world's fresh surface water lies in the Great Lakes of which Lake Erie is an integral component.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Ohio depend upon Lake Erie as an irreplaceable source of drinking water and for its cultural, environmental, recreational, and aesthetic values.

WHEREAS, Lake Erie provides tremendous economic value to Ohio, not only through shipping, industry, and agriculture, but also through lake-based recreation, travel, and tourism, generating significant revenue annually from recreational boating and from fishing.

WHEREAS, the quality of life enjoyed by millions of people who live within reach of these shores is closely linked to the quality of Lake Erie.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress enacted 42 U.S.C. §15941, which prohibits the issuance of Federal or State permits or leases for new oil and gas slant, directional, or offshore drilling in or under The Great Lakes.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio is the trustee and steward of the waters of Lake Erie.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §1505.07, upon approval of the Director of Environmental Protection, the Attorney General, and the Governor, the Director of Natural Resources has the authority to issue permits for the taking and removal of sand, gravel, stone, and other minerals or substances from and under the bed of Lake Erie.

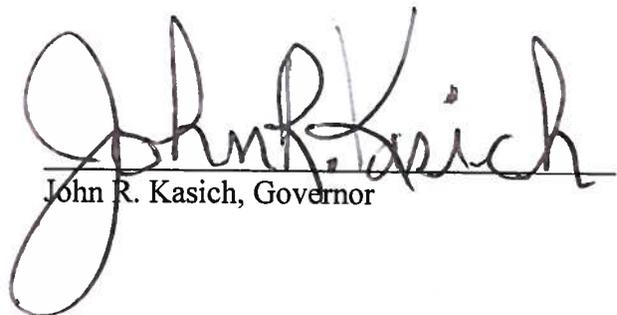
WHEREAS, it is important for the continued environmental protection and economic development of the Lake Erie region that the State bring certainty to the question of whether the Director of Natural Resources will permit oil and gas drilling from and under the bed of Lake Erie, if the current congressional ban on drilling in or under the Great Lakes should be lifted.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio, do hereby order that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources shall be prohibited from issuing any permit, license or lease allowing for the withdrawal or production of oil and gas from or under the bed of Lake Erie.

Effective with this Order, I revoke all Executive Orders that are inconsistent with this Order.

I signed this Executive Order on July 11, 2012, in Port Clinton, Ohio, and it will expire on my last day of service as Governor of the State of Ohio.




John R. Kasich, Governor

ATTEST:

Jon Husted, Secretary of State