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**WASHINGTON, DC -** U.S. Congressman Mike Pence, Chairman of the American Energy Solutions Group, issued the following statement today regarding President Obama's announcement on oil and gas exploration:

**"As usual, the devil is in the details. Only in Washington, D.C. can you ban more areas to oil and gas exploration than you open up, delay the date of your new leases and claim you're going to increase production.**

**"The President's announcement today is a smokescreen. It will almost certainly delay any new offshore exploration until at least 2012 and include only a fraction of the offshore resources that the previous Administration included in its plan.**

**"Unfortunately, this is yet another feeble attempt to gain votes for the President's national energy tax bill that is languishing in the Senate. At the end of the day this Administration's energy plan is simple: increase the cost of energy on every family in America and trade American jobs overseas at a time when millions of Americans are looking for work."**