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“Trump Administration Moves Closer To Allowing Oil Drilling In Arctic Refuge”

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“The Trump administration is pushing ahead with plans to allow drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The first leases to drill for oil and gas in the area could be sold by the end of 2020, Interior Department Secretary David Bernhardt said as his agency formally announced its leasing program on Monday.

“Laying out the terms of a leasing program is one of the last steps in a controversial plan to tap into the gas and oil resources in the region that has been fought over for decades. It's backed by Republicans and opposed by environmental groups and some members of Alaska's Indigenous communities.

“The move applies to some 1.57 million acres of the refuge's coastal plain.”

READ MORE AT: <https://www.npr.org/2020/08/17/903239366/trump-administration-sets-plan-for-oil-drilling-in-arctic-refuge>

From The Washington Post...

“An oil spill in Russia’s Arctic exposes risks for Moscow’s Far North plans”

“Thawing permafrost in the rapidly warming region leaves Moscow’s ambitious Arctic expansion proposals literally on shaky ground

“The fuel storage tank that ruptured at a Norilsk Nickel power station in the Russian Arctic, spilling 21,000 tons of diesel into a fragile ecosystem of rivers and wetlands. (Yuri Kozyrev/NOOR)”

READ MORE AT: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2020/07/28/an-oil-spill-russias-arctic-exposes-problems-moscows-big-plans-far-north/?arc404=true>

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“Russia Doubles Down On Its Arctic Oil & Gas Agenda”

By Vanand Meliksetian - Aug 18, 2020, 12:00 PM CDT

“The late senator John McCain once [said](#) about Russia, “the country is a gas station masquerading as a state.” Although the politician is speaking from a biased American position, the truth is that Russia's massive hydrocarbon reserves give some truth to his opinion. Since the early days of the industry more than a century ago, oil and gas have been flowing from wells in Western Russia and Siberia. To maintain its position globally, Moscow is putting all its cards on the development of the Arctic.”

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