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### DENVER'S OILY SIDE

Ever wonder just how far Big Oil's tentacles reach? A blistering report by *Denver Post* reporter Miles Moffeit shows that they reach deep inside the federal government's Minerals Management Service, based in the Mile-High City.

Moffeit's piece previews a federal report due out next week that details "improper relationships between Interior Department officials who oversee offshore drilling and oil executives, including golf outings, ski trips and romantic liaisons." Ten MMS employees are implicated in the report, and at least one could face criminal charges. Move over Abramoff. It looks like you're about to get some competition from a few federal bureaucrats.

Interestingly enough, the watchdog group Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility reported in May that several key MMS employees charged with overseeing oil and gas leasing in Alaska's Arctic region have found new employment at Shell. "In Alaska, the revolving door between regulator and regulated appears to be swinging at record speed," PEER Executive Director Jeff Ruch said in a press release.

Just like many other Bush administration federal agencies, the doors at MMS have been flung open wide for Big Oil.

To read the *Denver Post* story follow this link:  
[http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci\\_10281004](http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_10281004)

To read PEER's press release follow this link:  
[http://www.peer.org/news/news\\_id.php?row\\_id=1049](http://www.peer.org/news/news_id.php?row_id=1049)

### BIG OIL'S SONG AND DANCE

House Republicans continued their song and dance on an empty House floor for the fourth week. Pushing to drill everywhere—without mentioning that drilling won't mean a drop at the pump—the group is doing Big Oil's bidding instead of working with constituents in their home districts to come up with real solutions to the current energy crisis.

ShameonBigOil.org has been keeping tabs on the motley crew, so far they are lifetime recipients of **more than \$15 million** from Big Oil, - \$2.3 million alone during the 2008 cycle.

With Big Oil expected to rake in **\$32.9 billion** in tax breaks, subsidies and other handouts in the next five years, it looks like Big Oil's getting their money's worth.

For more info: <http://www.shameonbigoil.org/wp-content/uploads/2008/08/rosterofshame.pdf>

### SALONS NERVOUS OVER ENERGY; TIME TO BE BOLD

"What the oil lobby wants are all those oil beds offshore...we'll not only provide for your constituents' cars, but we'll be on the way to independence from that dreaded foreign oil ...

The oil companies, so many of them multi-nationals, have been peddling that hooey at least as long as they've been shipping our oil off, and overseas oil onto, our shores — and transferring equally fungible money to tax shelters here and abroad. The independence we need is from anybody's oil.

The stuff won't be around forever — and the world needs it for more than the burning that's trashing our atmosphere. Against the day we depend on more of it and other carbons for manufacturing, we've got to get serious about new sources of energy."

- *Santa Fe New Mexican* Editorial, 8/25/08



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