

109TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 805

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to allow the area of a Presidentially declared disaster to include the outer Continental Shelf.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 14, 2005

Mr. VITTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Offshore Infrastruc-  
5       ture Emergency Relief Act of 2005”.

6       **SEC. 2. PRESIDENTIALLY DECLARED DISASTER AREA MAY**  
7       **INCLUDE THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 102(3) of the Robert T.  
9       Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act

1 (42 U.S.C. 5122(3)) is amended by inserting “, and in-  
2 cludes the outer Continental Shelf (as defined in section  
3 2(a) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C.  
4 1331(a))” after “Islands”.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
6 this section shall apply to—

7 (1) declarations made after the date of the en-  
8 actment of this Act, or

9 (2) modifications made after such date with re-  
10 spect to declarations made after December 31, 2003.

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