

Representatives Henry A. Waxman, Tom Davis, Darrell Issa and Diane E. Watson wrote to U.S. Attorney General Gonzales to ask him to review a legal analysis concluding that the Administration has legal recourse to recover billions of dollars in lost revenue on defective oil and gas leases issued in 1998 and 1999. According to the analysis, the Minerals Management Service exceeded its authority in issuing the leases, and the Administration has the authority to set aside the leases and seek recovery of lost taxpayer revenues. **Documents and Links**

- [Letter to Attorney General Gonzales](#)
- [Legal Analysis from Stephen Lowey](#)
- [Press Release](#)
- [Response from the U.S. Department of Justice](#)