

THANKS TO THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION,

This Labor Day Will Be No Day at the Beach

Over the last four years, the threats to our coasts and oceans have increased and intensified — largely because of bad Bush administration policies and priorities.

In addition to delaying the cleanup of the toxic mercury found in California waters and proposing the removal of protections from millions of acres of wetlands that serve as pollution buffers for our coasts, the Bush administration has failed to defend California's coasts, left California's coasts open to off-shore drilling, and is threatening to force dangerous Liquefied Natural Gas terminals to be built over Californians' objection and without any state review. One possible site is near Oxnard.

They have already allowed the oil and gas companies to drill in other sensitive coastal areas such as Padre Island National Seashore in Texas. The administration has sided with oil companies seeking to develop 36 leases in environmentally sensitive waters all located between the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

And the Bush administration has refused to protect national treasures like Santa Barbara's Gaviota Coast which is threatened now by pollution and development.

This Labor Day — the last official beach weekend of the summer, join us in telling the Bush administration there is a better way to protect Santa Barbara's coast: Develop an energy policy for the future — that relies not on coastal drilling, but renewable solar and wind power. Protect our state's longest stretch of undeveloped coastline — the Gaviota Coast.

**A message from the Sierra Club who invites you to
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NO DAY AT THE BEACH: HOW THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION IS
ERODING COASTAL PROTECTION,
at www.sierraclub.org/coastalreport**

