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Will Royal Dutch Shell drill for oil in Arctic Alaska?

A Shell logo is seen at a gas station in Buenos Aires, Argentina, March 12, 2018. (Marcos Brindicci /Reuters file photo) Five years after abandoning an ambitious multibillion-dollar offshore Arctic exploration program, Royal Dutch Shell is again proposing to drill for oil in Arctic Alaska-- but this time, in a more modest fashion.

Will shell pursue new frontier oil exploration leases in the Arctic?

We do not plan to pursue new frontier oil exploration leases in the Arctic. Shell ended offshore exploration drilling operations in Alaska in 2015. We hold one licence interest in the North Slope area of Alaska.

How much does shell's Arctic drilling cost?

Smith said Shell's Arctic drilling this year accounted for \$1.4 billion of the project's \$7 billion total cost while next year's commitments accounted for \$700 million and 2017 contracts amounted to \$200 million. Part of the rising cost involved the increasing amount of time and restrictions in acquiring U.S. permits.

Why did shell end exploratory oil drilling in the Arctic?

Amid slumping oil prices and months of protests, including kayaktivists who paddled in front of an icebreaker to block its path, Shell announced Monday that it has ended its exploratory oil drilling in the Arctic for the "foreseeable" future.

Which oil rig is in the Chukchi Sea?

Shell Oil's drilling rig Polar Pioneer operates in the Chukchi Sea in 2015. Shell's latest offshore Arctic plans involve leases far closer to shore. (Royal Dutch Shell) The West Harrison Bay leases are in state territory within three miles of shore; the federal leases in the Chukchi Sea were at least 65 nautical miles offshore.

What happened to the Kulluk drilling rig?

The following year, Shell's Kulluk drilling rig ran aground near Kodiak island in heavy seas highlighting the Arctic's challenging environment. The platform was damaged beyond repair and scrapped by Shell the following year. This is our nation's last great wilderness.

Shell's 300-foot-high floating rig, the Polar Pioneer, is currently positioned 70 miles off the Alaska coast after departing Dutch Harbour in the Aleutian Islands, in July.⁴ It was given its final ...

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A History of Shell's Arctic Drilling Mishaps Shell has a long history of broken promises and mishaps throughout its attempts to drill in the Arctic Ocean, and after disastrous 2012 and ...



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The Transocean Polar Pioneer, a drill rig contracted by Royal Dutch Shell, has arrived in Dutch Harbor. The oil company plans to use the port as a hub this summer as part of ...

Shell is planning to park two Arctic offshore drilling rigs in Seattle before they head north, but the company will first have to get around protesters wanting to thwart the new frontier in oil ...

The return of Shell Oil to Alaska can wait another year. A deadline of December 31, 2021 was extended for Shell to secure partners for near ...

The drive for the Arctic's vast oil and natural gas stores could falter, but is not likely to end, with the grounding of Shell's drilling rig, Kulluk.

This is the second in a series of articles looking at how climate change and geopolitics are reshaping the High North's strategic landscape, ...

As Arctic ice rapidly diminishes, vast oil fields previously thought unreachable are now the centerpiece of new environmental battles. While two ...

Salvage teams assess damage to Royal Dutch Shell's Kulluk drill barge in January after the rig ran aground near Kodiak Island in Alaska. Photo by AFP/Greenpeace/Robert ...

Some 100 kilometers west of this small Arctic community--the northernmost settlement in the United States--a massive drilling rig this week ...

1 day ago; Narwhal Exploration is planning to pick up where Royal Dutch Shell left off, probing for petroleum beneath the ocean.

The Shell Oil rig, which is carrying about 139,000 gallons of diesel fuel, broke free from tow ships in rough seas in the Gulf of Alaska, officials said.

It looks like Shell is capping off its embarrassing, disaster-prone year of trying and failing to drill in the Arctic with yet another high profile mishap.

A 400-foot-long drilling rig, a key piece of equipment in Shell's efforts to drill in Arctic waters off Alaska, arrived in Port Angeles early Friday. ...

As tensions rise to grab Arctic resources, the U.S. is racing to construct a new icebreaker vessel that can secure a foothold in the north first.

Oil Major Royal Dutch Shell submitted plans to resume oil and gas exploration in waters off Alaska's



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northern coast. The news comes about fives ...

Since mid-September, we have seen Royal Dutch Shell say they will do one thing, while behind the scenes, do the opposite. On September 21, ...

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Shell lost control of the oil rig; it was set adrift in the icy seas until it was eventually recaptured. The U.S. Coast Guard safely evacuated 18 crew members after the Aviq, the ...

The hoax continued for another month, but Shell did not press charges. Two million people signed Greenpeace's petition to stop drilling in the Arctic in 2012, and on September ...

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WASHINGTON -- One of Shell Oil's two Arctic drilling rigs is beached on an island in the Gulf of Alaska, threatening environmental damage ...

Five years ago, the company abandoned another offshore project along US Arctic waters after incurring criminal fines for pollution violations, ...

Canada Drilling in the Canadian Arctic peaked during the 1970s and 1980s, led by such companies as Panarctic Oils Ltd. in the Sverdrup Basin of the Arctic Islands, and by Imperial ...

Kulluk was an ice-strengthened drill barge that was used for oil exploration in the Arctic waters. She was constructed by Mitsui Engineering & Shipbuilding in Japan in 1983 and operated in ...

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) -- Two drill vessels employed by Royal Dutch Shell PLC off Alaska's northwest coast have safely departed Arctic waters for the Pacific Northwest. ...

This week Shell announced plans to abandon its Arctic oil drilling operations. This is huge. From activists who scaled Shell's rig in April or who ...

Royal Dutch Shell abandons Arctic exploration off the coast of Alaska after "disappointing" results from a key oil well.



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