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Washington, December 12 (RHC)-- A U.S. federal appeals court has rejected the Trump administration's approval of the construction of the country's first offshore oil production facility in federal Arctic waters.

The proposed project involved building a nine-acre artificial island so a private company could drill for oil in the Beaufort Sea.

This comes as the Trump administration is racing to sell oil drilling rights in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge before Joe Biden's inauguration. A major lease sale is scheduled for January 6th.

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