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**Storm bombs East Coast**

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The massive storm that began two days ago in the Gulf of Mexico and sped into the East Coast on Thursday's storm.

A massive winter storm moved to the East Coast on Thursday, drawing as much as 17 inches of snow in some areas and unloading hurricane-force winds and historic flooding that closed schools and rail service throughout the Carolinas to Maryland.

Forecasters expected the storm to be followed immediately by a blast from the Carolinas to New York, which drew immediate plans to ramp up offshore drilling at a time when industry interest there will be in sweeping plan to open nearly all

President Donald Trump administration's broader proposal further solidifies the plan lays

The draft plan, which would run from 2019 through 2024, will go through a public-review period, starting Jan. 27.

The plan, which draws in multiple strategies from federal and state regulation, is intended to increase domestic energy production while also addressing the climate crisis.

The Trump administration is expected to release a final version of the plan in the coming months.

The plan includes a suite of measures to reduce emissions from the oil and gas industry, including a focus on reducing methane emissions from new and existing facilities.

The plan also includes a focus on increasing the use of renewable energy, including wind and solar power, as well as a plan to reduce the use of coal.

State officials defend pot law

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The gender-neutral option, which was approved by voters in November, allows people to mark their gender on state birth certificates as X, Y or Z.

The move follows similar changes adopted by other states, including California and New York.

The change was prompted by the state's voters, who approved an initiative last year that allowed people to mark their gender on state birth certificates as X, Y or Z.

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