

Coastal Barrier Resources Act

16 U.S.C. §§3501-3510

The CBRA establishes the **Coastal Barrier Resources System**, consisting of specifically identified **undeveloped coastal barriers** on the coasts of the United States. [16 U.S.C. §3503] Coastal barriers are bay barriers, barrier islands, and other geological features that protect landward aquatic habitats from direct wind and waves. [16 U.S.C. §3502]

In general, **no new federal expenditures or financial assistance** will be available for development activities within the Coastal Barrier Resources System. [16

U.S.C. §3504] The CBRA, however, identifies exceptions to this prohibition, including necessary oil and gas exploration and development; the maintenance of channel improvements, jetties, and roads; essential military activities; the construction and maintenance of Coast Guard facilities; the establishment and maintenance of air and water navigational devices; scientific studies; and non-structural shoreline stabilization similar to natural stabilization systems. [16 U.S.C. §3505]