Obama extends moratorium on deepwater drilling

A moratorium already in place is extended and The Washington Post thought that breaking news.

News Alert: White House aide: Obama extends moratorium on deepwater wells
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President Barack Obama plans to announce at a midday news conference Thursday that a moratorium on new deepwater oil drilling permits will be continued for six months while a presidential commission investigates, a White House aide said.

Controversial lease sales off the coast of Alaska will be delayed pending the results of the commission's investigation, and lease sales planned in the Western Gulf and off the coast of Virginia will be canceled, the aide said.

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There is another 'politics' of this moratorium to notice. Obama is going to have a press conference. Given his past penchant for avoiding press conferences he may have decided to try to do something about his lousy marks by the population. And he is going to go to the site. Perhaps he will clean a bird.

Search term: This was tricky because most of the combinations I tried grabbed tweets from earlier in the week. They were about the oil spill, but not about this moratorium. It turned out obama wells did the best job of finding tweets about the moratorium and not picking up earlier and not relevant tweets. So obama wells is the search term.

The first search was about 8:15 a.m. CDT. That is almost two hours after the breaking new from The Post. However, the search only found 535 tweets. Only a few were from before May 27.

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