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(St. Petersburg, Fla.) June 18, 2010 – With the devastating oil rig explosion and spill still unfolding in the Gulf of Mexico and the unveiling of the American Power Act in Congress, a group of University of South Florida St. Petersburg students are expressing their opposition to offshore oil drilling and showing their support for clean energy.

The students will be among thousands of people to gather throughout the world Saturday, June 26 as part of Hands Across the Sand, a movement to raise awareness of the effects of offshore oil drilling. Hands Across the Sand advocates for the adoption of clean energy policies and protests lifting the moratorium on offshore drilling. The USFSP students have collaborated with environmental student organizations at St. Petersburg College to set up adjoining Hands Across the Sand sites.

USF St. Petersburg Students Host Hands Across the Sand
Saturday, June 26
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Joining hands begins at Noon)
Treasure Island Beach at 104th Ave

Stephanie Lawler, president of the USFSP Student Environmental Awareness Society, is working with fellow students to host the club’s Hands Across the Sand site on Treasure Island Beach at 104th Ave.

“We are showing our support and uniting together to say no to offshore drilling. We need clean energy now.” Lawler said. “As USFSP students, we live on the coast and we don’t want to see our resources torn apart. We’re at a breaking point of our resources. We have abused our resources and now we’re losing our fisheries and waterways. This is a positive way to show we are joining together to be one united effort.”

Over 3,000 people in the Tampa Bay area participated in similar demonstrations in February and even more are expected on June 26.

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