

McDonnell doesn't get invitation to Obama energy meeting with governors

President Obama hosted a handful of governors at the White House today to talk about one of our new governor's favorite topics -- energy.

But Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell did not score an invite.

To be fair, the invite list was heavy on Democratic governors -- West Virginia, Kentucky, Wyoming, Montana, Maine, Washington, Ohio -- though there were three Republicans from Vermont, Alabama and South Dakota. Obama and Vice President Joe Biden talked about possible clean energy sources, including coal, sun, wind and offshore drilling.

"I want to be clear that my administration is following a non-ideological approach to this issue," Obama told the governors. "We believe in a strategy of more production, more efficiency, and more incentives for clean energy. We're willing to make some tough decisions on issues like offshore drilling, so long as we protect coastlines and communities."

McDonnell [has been a strong supporter](#) of drilling for oil and gas off Virginia's coast. His spokesman Tucker Martin said he was not aware of an invitation for today's event.

McDonnell and Obama have yet to appear together. Last month, Obama paid a visit to a Falls Church elementary school to talk about his "Race to the Top" education program, but [McDonnell was not invited](#) though he is a huge fan of the plan.