

Monthly Summary
Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
January 1 to January 31, 2010

Commission Business

1. The Commission provided information to the Governor's office concerning HB 280 (Cook Inlet Recovery Act).
2. The Commission provided factual information to the Governor's office in response to the Alaska House of Representatives letter to the Governor concerning the PPT and ACES effect on the Oil and Gas industry in Alaska.
3. Commissioner Foerster attended a meeting with DNR to evaluate the Cook Inlet Recovery Act.
4. Commissioner Norman attended a meeting with Vice Admiral Barrett USCG (ret), who is the Deputy Federal Coordinator for the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Project.
5. Commissioner Norman and senior staff attended a workshop conducted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) about the proposed Alaska natural gas pipeline.
6. Commissioner Norman met with DNR officials to discuss progress made toward a new facility for the Geologic Materials Center (GMC).
7. The Commissioners are evaluating ways to upgrade building security.
8. The Commission has provided the Department of Revenue with factual information regarding oil and gas industry activity in Alaska.

Regulatory Activities Completed / Continuing

1. The Commission continues an investigation of a recent flowline rupture.
2. Review of updates to Annular Disposal Regulations is underway (ongoing);
3. Senior staff is working on the Liberty Rig diverter line size variance request.
4. The Commission is working on compliance issues with the USGS Coal Bed Methane project.
5. Administrative Approval AIO 2B.031 concerning Kuparuk River Unit Well 2B-08, Kuparuk River Oil Pool was cancelled.
6. Senior staff met with the DNR Coal Regulatory Manager and CIRI contractors to establish drilling standards for phase one exploration efforts on the Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) project.
7. Senior staff have edited the proposed change to Safety Valve System (SVS) regulations for the second public notice.
8. Senior staff attended a presentation by Schlumberger about new multiphase metering software.

Projects Completed / Continuing

1. Senior staff completed recommendations on Spill Response Plan Standards (SRPS) for Marathon Oil Company's Sunrise Lake wells, Kenai Peninsula.
2. Preparation of the Commission's Statistical Report continues.
3. Commission staff have been attending MicroSoft Office 2007 training.

Permitting and Rig Activity

1. Approvals (January) – 8
2. Rig count – 15; North Slope – 13; Cook Inlet – 1; 1 Naknek (Geothermal well); (Up one (1) from last month)
3. Total Documents to date: 401's = 18; 403's = 20; 404's = 40; 407's = 15; Total 93.