

**Monthly Summary**  
**Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**  
**March 1 to March 31, 2011**

**Commission Business**

1. The regular Public Meeting of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
2. Commissioners Seamont and Foerster travelled to Washington, D.C. to attend a meeting of the National Energy Council. While in Washington the Commissioners also visited with the Alaska delegation and the Governor's Director of State/Federal Relations to discuss Cook Inlet energy issues, shale oil potential, Commission response to Gulf of Mexico disaster, and NPR-A legacy wells.
3. Commission staff travelled to Galveston, TX to inspect jack-up rig Spartan 151, prior to the rig being transported to Alaska by heavy lift vessel. The rig is under contract to Escopeta Oil, Houston, TX.
4. Commission staff participated in a geothermal drilling work group sponsored by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, held in the AIDEA office.
5. Commission Chair Seamont testified before the House Finance Committee on Alaska oil and gas activity.
6. Commissioners and Commission staff responded to legislative requests for comments, factual information, and other input on proposed legislation.
7. Commissioners are working with the legislature on HB174 and SB85.
8. Senior staff of the Commission made a presentation at the quarterly meeting of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council in Kenai regarding formation pressures and well control.
9. Commission Chair Seamont and Commissioner Foerster met with two representatives of the US Department of Energy: Christopher Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oil and Natural Gas and Ray Boswell, National Energy Technology Laboratory Manager for Methane Hydrates.
10. Commissioner Foerster attended a DNR, Div of Oil and Gas Showing of the movie "Gasland". Commissioner Foerster made some introductory remarks about relevant AOGCC regulations, provided packets of information about AOGCC regulations, hydraulic fracturing, and shale development. After the showing of the movie Commissioner Foerster answered questions.
11. Commissioner Foerster met with a UAA public policy graduate student to answer questions about AOGCC's regulatory framework to assist her in writing her thesis.

**Orders**

1. The Commission issued Administrative Approval No. Area Injection Order 25A.008 at the request of BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. (BPXA) to allow

- enriched hydrocarbon gas injection in the PBU Polaris W-219 (PTD 2101050) well.
2. The Commission issued Administrative Approval No. Area Injection Order 25A.009 at the request of BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. (BPXA) to allow enriched hydrocarbon gas injection in the PBU Polaris W-220 (PTD 2101260) well.

### **Regulatory Activities Completed / Continuing**

1. Commission staff met with CINGSA/Marathon on the Gas Storage Project.
2. Senior staff are preparing comments and action items from the Hawk Consultants report.
3. Commission staff are reviewing the National Commission report on the Macondo oil spill.
4. Commission staff met with Nordaq to discuss the Shadura #1 exploratory well.
5. The North Fork Unit custody transfer meter was approved. Gas production from the field commenced 1 April.

### **Projects Completed / Continuing**

1. Commission staff continues to update the web published Statistical Report.
2. Sixteen (16) well histories and 1534 digital well logging/data files were released to the public.
3. One Thousand Three Hundred Two (1,302) GigaBytes of Well logging/analysis data were delivered to the public.

### **Permitting**

1. Drilling Permit Approvals (March) – 16 ( Exp/Strat Test 2, Dev 10, Ser 4)
2. Rig count – 15; North Slope – 13; Cook Inlet – 2; Coal Core – 0; Geothermal - 0; (No Change from last month)
3. Total Permit/Sundry Applications and Sundry Reports to date:  
401's = 52; 403's = 104; 404's = 95; 407's = 63; Total 314.