

Monthly Summary
Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
March 1 to March 31, 2012

Commission Business

1. The Commission's monthly public meeting was held on the 7th.
2. Commissioners Foerster and Seamont attended a meeting of the Energy Council in Washington, D.C.
3. Commissioner Foerster made a presentation to the Energy Council on BLM legacy wells in Alaska.
4. Commissioner Foerster accompanied State Representative Millett to a meeting with the Secretary of the Interior to discuss BLM legacy wells.
5. Commissioner Foerster met with representatives of Alaska Natural Resources to Liquids to explain North Slope gas offtake concerns and AOGCC jurisdiction.
6. Commissioner Foerster and senior staff met with various operator representatives to review regulatory compliance issues.
7. AOGCC Commissioners and staff stayed apprised of events related to the loss of well control on the Qugruk #2 well on the North Slope and Commissioner Foerster answered numerous questions from the media, State elected officials, and concerned citizens.
8. Commissioner Foerster testified before Senate Finance committee on SB192.
9. Commissioner Norman attended the mid-year board meeting of the National Ground Water Protection Council in Washington, D.C.
10. Commissioners Seamont and Norman met with Admiral James Watson, Director of the Federal Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement - - the agency that exercises regulatory oversight and enforcement for offshore operations on the Outer Continental Shelf of the United States.
11. Commissioner Foerster testified before the Senate Resource committee on HR29.
12. Senior staff met with drilling personnel from a new-to-Alaska operator.

Orders

1. The Commission issued Administrative Approval AIO 6.007 Amended.
2. The Commission issued Administrative Approval DIO 37.002.
3. The Commission issued Administrative Approval AIO 25A.010.
4. The Commission issued Administrative Approval CO 639.002.

Regulatory Activities Completed / Continuing

1. One SRPS is at Legal for review.

Projects Completed / Continuing

1. During the month Commission staff participated in the daily Qugruk # 2 Incident Command briefing. The Qugruk # 2 well was secured Sunday 3/18/2012.
2. Commission staff are conducting a technical evaluation of the Qugruk 2 well control incident.
3. Commission staff continues to update the web published Statistical Reports. (continuing).
4. Senior Staff has been working on amendments to AS Title 31, and Title 20. (continuing)
5. Commission Geology staff and IT staff are looking to reorganize the Commission website to make it easier for the public to find information.
6. Senior staff is upgrading and consolidating Commission hydraulic fracture regulations. (continuing)
7. Eight hundred fifty nine (859) digital well logging/data files were released to the public.
8. One thousand one hundred two (1,102) Giga Bytes of requested data were delivered to the public.
9. Twenty five (25) Core chip and washed and dried cuttings sample sets representing 176,906 borehole feet were catalogued.
10. Thirteen (13) Core chip and washed and dried sample sets were transferred to the G.M.C.

Permitting

1. Drilling Permit Approvals (March) – 20 (Exp/Strat Test 3, Dev 13, Ser 4)
2. Rig count – 18; North Slope – 17; Cook Inlet – 1; Coal Core – 0; Geothermal - 0; (Up 1 from last month)
3. Total Permit/Sundry Applications and Sundry Reports to date:
401's = 49; 403's =125; 404's = 88; 407's = 60; Total 322.