

**Monthly Summary**  
**Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**  
**June 1 to June 30, 2012**

**Commission Business**

1. Commission held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, June 6th.
2. Commissioners Foerster and Seamount participated in the IOGCC Mid-year Meeting in Vancouver, BC. Also attending the meeting were Governor Parnell and staff of the Division of Oil and Gas.
3. The newly hired senior petroleum engineer, Mr. Chris Wallace, reported for work.
4. The Commission held a Public Hearing on Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup> to consider a regulatory amendment repealing the requirement that a filing fee of \$100 must accompany each application for a Permit to Drill (Form 10-401). Amendment approved.
5. Senior staff attended ENI's annual review meeting on Nikaitchuq Schrader Bluff Reservoir Surveillance.
6. Senior staff met with an operator to discuss their future drilling plans and the AOGCC permitting process.
7. Senior staff attended an operator presentation on new drilling rigs that they are planning to bring to Alaska.
8. Commissioner Foerster participated in an International Arctic Oil and Gas HSE Conference in Keflavik, Iceland.
9. Commission held a hearing on the 19<sup>th</sup> in response to a request to investigate potential waste of propane by the operator of the Prudhoe Bay Unit.
10. BP presented results from its annual statistical review of world energy trends to AOGCC employees.
11. Commissioners Foerster and Norman and several members of AOGCC senior staff received a presentation from an operator on their planned 2013-14 winter exploration program.
12. Senior staff met with operator representatives to discuss shallow hazards survey requirements and C-Plan determination submittals for upcoming Cook Inlet exploratory drilling program.
13. Commissioner Foerster met with State Representative Millet to plan a strategy to increase public awareness of the BLM legacy wells and get increased funding for their proper plugging and abandonment.
14. Commissioner Foerster and AOGCC technical staff met with AAG Ballantine to refine proposed hydraulic fracturing regulations.
15. Commissioner Norman and professional staff participated in a national telephone conference briefing concerning the United States Environmental Protection Agency's new guidance recommendations for permitting oil and gas hydraulic fracturing activities using diesel fuels.

## **Orders**

1. The Commission issued Conservation Order No.658.
2. The Commission issued Administrative Approval Conservation Order 80.088.

## **Regulatory Activities Completed / Continuing**

1. One C-Plan at legal for review, gas only determination for a Cook Inlet well.

## **Projects Completed / Continuing**

1. Senior staff continue data gathering for the FY 2012 Performance Measures.
2. Commission staff continues to update the web published Statistical Reports. (continuing).
3. Senior Staff have been working on amendments to AS Title 31, and Title 20. (continuing)
4. Senior staff is upgrading and consolidating Commission hydraulic fracture regulations. (continuing)
5. Thirty six (36) well history and associated data was released to the public.
6. Two thousand one hundred seventy (2170) digital well logging/data files were released to the public.
7. Five hundred thirty eight point five (538.5) Giga Bytes of requested data were delivered to the public.

## **Permitting**

1. Drilling Permit Approvals (June) – 18 ( Exp/Strat Test 1, Dev 17, Ser 0 )
2. Rig count – 20; North Slope – 13; Cook Inlet – 7; Coal Core – 0; Geothermal - 0; (Up 2 from last month)
3. Total Permit/Sundry Applications and Sundry Reports to date:  
401's = 94 ; 403's =241 ; 404's = 201 ; 407's = 138 ; Total 674.