

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

Commission Business

1. The Commission held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, August 1st.
2. The Commission submitted its list of 2013 legislative proposals.
3. Commissioner Foerster was interviewed for a documentary concerning the BLM legacy wells in and near NPR-A.
4. The Commissioners submitted a Compass Piece to the Anchorage Daily News about regulation of hydraulic fracturing in Alaska.
5. Commissioner Foerster met with representatives of Blue Crest Energy, majority owners in the Cosmopolitan acreage.
6. Commissioner Foerster and senior staff completed a recommended action plan and prioritization for the BLM on the legacy wells. Commissioner Foerster will be meeting with BLM representatives in September to communicate the recommendations.
7. The Commission interviewed candidates for its open receptionist position. A candidate was hired and will start in September.
8. The Commissioners and professional staff met with Douglas Follett, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Program Manager for the DOE Geothermal Technologies Program.
9. Commissioner Norman was interviewed by Kenai radio station KSRM concerning the four North Fork Unit well spacing exception applications filed by Armstrong Cook Inlet, LLC.
10. Commissioners and staff are assisting legislative staff to understand the meaning of oil and gas terms as used in Revenue Statute.
11. The Commission has filled its vacant Office Assistant II position. The new employee will begin work in about two weeks.

Orders

1. The Commission issued Other Order No. 075.

Regulatory Activities Completed / Continuing

1. Senior staff is compiling information for a Cook Inlet C-Plan.
2. Senior staff met with an operator concerning high OA pressures.
3. Senior staff met with GeoTek Alaska and reviewed results of Cook Inlet shallow hazard surveys.

Projects Completed / Continuing

1. The Commission's summer intern, Ian McKee, completed his summer projects and presented the results to staff. His main project was an evaluation of bypassed gas in the central area of the North Slope. He also performed an evaluation of hydrocarbon potential in the BLM legacy wells located in and near the NPR-A. Both projects were well done and the information will be valuable to AOGCC staff and the public.
2. Senior staff attended a PBU MGS Model Review.
3. Senior staff attended the Alaska Shale Conference.
4. Commission staff continues to update the web published Statistical Reports. (continuing).
5. Senior Staff have been working on amendments to AS Title 31, and Title 20. (continuing)
6. Senior staff is upgrading and consolidating Commission hydraulic fracture regulations. (continuing)
7. Eighty two (82) well histories and associated data were released to the public.
8. One thousand five hundred six (1,506) digital well logging/data files were released to the public.
9. Three thousand thirteen (3,013) Giga Bytes of requested data were delivered to the public.

Permitting

1. Drilling Permit Approvals (August) – 26 (Exp/Strat Test 5, Dev 18, Ser 3)
2. Rig count – 17; North Slope – 10; Cook Inlet – 7; Coal Core – 0; Geothermal - 0; (Down 2 from last month)
3. Total Permit/Sundry Applications and Sundry Reports to date:
401's =148; 403's =337; 404's = 318; 407's = 182; Total 985