

**Monthly Summary**  
**Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**  
**April 1 to April 30, 2013**

**Commission Business**

1. The Commission held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, April 3rd.
2. Commissioner Foerster testified before House Resources Committee as part of her confirmation process.
3. The Commission held a public hearing to review and receive comments on proposed changes to its regulations related to hydraulic fracturing.
4. Senior engineering staff met with an operator to discuss diverter requirements.
5. Commissioner Foerster responded to media questions regarding the BLM legacy wells.
6. The Commissioner Foerster met with DEC staff on DEC's assessment of the BLM legacy wells.
7. Commission held hearing Wednesday April 17, on ConocoPhillips Application for Reconsideration of Area Injection Order No. 21 A, Meltwater Oil Pool, Kuparuk River Field.
8. Commission held public hearing Thursday April 18, on proposed amendments to Well Identification and Wireline Operations regulations.
9. Commissioner Foerster met with Dave Norton and Jennifer Owens of DNR to discuss PSIO plans.
10. Commissioner Foerster met with Bob Pawlowski of DNR to discuss BLM's plans to use state money to clean up legacy wells.
11. Commissioners Foerster and Seamont met with Jeff Logan and Agrium executives.
12. Senior staff met with an operator to discuss flaring issues.
13. Commissioner Seamont was interviewed by the Associated Press from North Dakota regarding flaring amounts and regulations in Alaska.
14. An AOGCC senior staff member meet with a representative of Hilcorp to discuss whether or Form 10-413 (Report of Injection Project) was required for disposal injection operations. Hilcorp was informed that while much of the information required on this form isn't applicable to disposal operations, the regulations (20 AAC 25.432) are quite clear. "An operator that injects fluids into subsurface strata through a service well for any purpose, other than fracturing that..." shall file the annual report.
15. AOGCC senior staff had a teleconference on April 25th with BPXA to discuss a proposed surface facility tracer survey project and to determine whether or not it would require AOGCC approval to conduct the survey.
16. The AOGCC has hired Jennifer Hunt for the position of Stat Tech II and will replace Steve McMains when he retires at the end of the month. Jenni comes to us from the State of Alaska DOT office where she was a Stat Tech I.

## **Orders**

1. The Commission issued Conservation Order No. 670.
2. The Commission issued Conservation Order No.669.
3. The Commission issued Area Injection Order No. 2B.077.
4. The Commission issued Area Injection Order No. 18C.002.

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

1. During the month the Commission worked on proposed revisions to the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Act, AS 31.05.
2. The Commission issued an order scheduling a hearing for Reconsideration of Area Injection Order No. 21A.
3. The Commission issued Industry Guidance Bulletin 13-001, concerning Remedial Cementing (aka “Top Job”) for Surface Casing.
4. The Commission issued Industry Guidance Bulletin 13-002, broadly establishing requirements for a custody transfer meter application.

## **Permitting and Rig Activity**

1. Drilling Permit Approvals (April) – 12 ( Exp/Strat Test 2 , Dev 9, Ser 1)
2. Rig count - 23, North Slope – 15; Cook Inlet – 8 Coal Core – 0; Geothermal – 0; Up 1 in State total from last month.
3. Total Permit, Sundry Applications and Sundry Reports to data: 401’s = 60; 403’s = 209; 404’s = 222; 407’s = 103; Total 594

## **Public, Governmental and Industry**

1. One thousand nine hundred fifty three (1,953) digital well logging/data files were released to the public.
2. Compliance review was conducted on 31 well history files.
3. Twenty four (24) wells and associated data were released to the public.
4. Nineteen (19) core chip and washed and dried sample sets representing 146,270 borehole feet were transferred to the G.M.C.

\* For a more complete list of ongoing AOGCC Activities, please contact Special Assistant Jody Colombie at [jody.colombie@alaska.gov](mailto:jody.colombie@alaska.gov).