

Monthly Summary
Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
August 1 to August 31, 2013

Commission Business

1. The Commission held its regular monthly public meeting Wednesday, August 7th.
2. Commissioner Foerster addressed the DNR-led Shale Task Force on the AOGCC's process for considering amendment of its regulations with respect to hydraulic fracturing.
3. Senior staff are working on a proposal to plug and abandon the Rosetta wells, located in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley.
4. The Commission submitted the UIC 4th quarter 2013 report to the EPA.
5. Senior staff are working on a Sundry Matrix for Cook Inlet and North Slope operators.
6. Commissioner Seamount agreed to serve on the Oil and Gas Competitiveness Review Board established by SB21.
7. A standardized well cementing work sheet to be included on all 10-407 well completion reports is being developed. This is important so that the construction record is standardized and well documented instead of relying on the cementing vendor reports or daily AAIDC reports to capture all the required information.
8. The AOGCC granted ConocoPhillips an extension through the end of the year for the West Sak VRWAG pilot project in the KRU.
9. The AOGCC held a hearing on spacing exception applications that Buccaneer submitted for their proposed KLU 1-4 and KLU 1-4ST wells on the Kenai Peninsula.
10. Endeavour jackup rig (operated by Buccaneer) moving to second well.
11. Commissioner Foerster and senior staff met with BSEE about using BSEE Inspectors to assist AOGCC. A Memorandum of Agreement is being drafted.
12. Senior staff responded to information requests from the Division of Legislative Audits regarding custody transfer measurement inspections in fiscal year 2013.
13. Senior staff met with Buccaneer about performance concerns on the first well drilled in Alaska by the Endeavour jackup rig.
14. Senior staff participated in a multi-agency meeting with Furie regarding development plans for the Kitchen Lights Unit.
15. The Commission is recruiting for a seventh Petroleum Inspector.
16. Commissioner Foerster provided a job shadow opportunity for Lyndsey Brollini, a senior at South High School.
17. Senior staff met with Repsol and their consultants to discuss Colville River development planning and permitting.
18. Commissioner Norman and senior staff met with a board member of the Pacific Rim Institute to discuss AOGCC's role in environmental compliance and regulatory permitting.

19. The Commission completed and submitted its initial response to the national Ground Water Protection Council's comprehensive survey of state oil and gas regulatory agency practices.
20. Commissioner Norman attended the August 12th Federal Overreach Summit, held by the State Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Areas.
21. Commissioner Norman participated in the August 27th round table meeting on Alaska issues at the World Trade Center of Alaska, with Senator Begich and Chinese Ambassador to the United States, Cui Tiankai.
22. IT Staff is continuing work on the project to inspect, upgrade, and ensure reliability of electronic equipment in the hearing room, conference rooms and other common use areas.
23. The EPA sent additional funding for the 2014 UIC Class II program grant.
24. The Alaska Supreme Court affirmed the Superior Court decision on appeal affirming the Commission decision that Alaska Crude's Burglin 33-1 well could not be classified as a gas facility. The Supreme Court also upheld the decision to award attorney's fees to the Commission.
25. The Commission issued Industry Guidance Bulletin No. 10-02A.

Orders

1. The Commission issued Area Injection Order No. 2B.044 (Second Amendment).
2. The Commission issued Conservation Order No. 406B.009 (Second Amendment).
3. The Commission issued Conservation Order No. 675.
4. The Commission issued Conservation Order No. 228A.
5. The Commission issued Conservation Order No. 123B.

Permitting and Rig Activity

1. Drilling Permit Approvals (August) – 15 (Exp/Strat Test 3 , Dev 11, Ser 1)
2. Rig count - 30, North Slope – 15; Cook Inlet – 15 Coal Core – 0; Geothermal – 0; up 2 from last month.
3. Total Permit, Sundry Applications and Sundry Reports to data: 401's = 147; 403's = 471; 404's = 532; 407's = 181; Total 1331.

Public, Governmental and Industry

1. One thousand one hundred twenty four (1,124) digital well logging/data files were released to the public.
2. Compliance review was conducted on 67 well history files and associated data.
3. Sixty four (64) wells and associated data were released to the public.

* For a more complete list of ongoing AOGCC Activities, please contact Special Assistant Jody Colombie at jody.colombie@alaska.gov.