

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

Commission Business

1. The Commission held its regular monthly public meeting Wednesday, September 4th.
2. Commissioner Foerster assisted ADEC in their review of legacy well compliance.
3. The Commission conducted a second hearing to receive comments on proposed revisions to earlier-proposed hydraulic fracturing regulations.
4. Commissioners and senior staff met with UAF representatives to hear plans for geothermal development at Pilgrim Hot Springs.
5. Senior staff met with an operator to discuss Annular Disposal sundry application and subsequent daily well operations.
6. The Commission conducted a hearing upon the request from an operator to reconsider our enforcement action regarding the operator's failure to conduct mechanical integrity tests and failure to report a change in annular pressure.
7. Commissioner Foerster met with John Tintura, former Texas Railroad Commission executive director.
8. The Commission received the Final UIC FY 2013 Mid Year Review of the AOGCC UIC SDWA 1425 Program dated September 11, 2013, which is the follow up report to the on-site review held in AOGCC offices March 7, 2013. EPA determined that the program continues to be effective with regards to Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) section 1425 program requirements.
9. The Commission submitted the FY 2013 EPA UIC Class II Closeout report on September 26th.
10. Senior staff is preparing a well review for 6 BLM legacy wells for presentation at the public meeting October 2nd. A total of 18 BLM wells is being reviewed by senior staff. Due to Federal Government being furloughed this was item deferred until the November Public meeting.
11. The Commission conducted a pre-hearing review with an operator to allow the operator to gain clarification of what the Commission is seeking in its hearing on disposition of natural gas liquids produced from the Prudhoe Bay Oil Pool.
12. Commissioner Foerster spoke at a Law Seminars International conference.
13. Senior staff met with CPAI representatives for the annual Meltwater Review on September 26th.
14. Several members of the Commission had a teambuilding exercise volunteering for Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, September 21.
15. The Commission is recruiting for a seventh Petroleum Inspector.
16. The Commission is recruiting for a Senior Petroleum Drilling Engineer.
17. 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.

18. The Commission sent out a sample Cementing Report Form to all operators for comment. This report is intended to be submitted with all 10-407 reports and will include all casing cement data for a well in a central document.
19. On September 20th senior staff visited the Spartan 151 rig (Furie Kitchen Lights #4 well) to witness suspension operations for the de-mob of the rig.
20. Senior staff had two meetings with an operator to discuss custody transfer measurement.

Orders

1. The Commission issued Conservation Order No. 676.
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3. The Commission issued Conservation Order No. 678.
4. The Commission issued Area Injection Order No. 23.002.
5. The Commission denied Conservation Order No. 679.
6. The Commission issued Area Injection Order No. 012.003.
7. The Commission issued Conservation Order No. 93B.
8. The Commission issued Conservation Order No. 680.

Permitting and Rig Activity

1. Drilling Permit Approvals (September) – 19 (Exp/Strat Test 3 , Dev 13, Ser 3)
2. Rig count - 30, North Slope – 15; Cook Inlet – 15 Coal Core – 0; Geothermal – 0; no change from last month.
3. Total Permit, Sundry Applications and Sundry Reports to data: 401's = 162; 403's = 515; 404's = 594; 407's = 205; Total 1476.

Public, Governmental and Industry

1. Nine hundred forty seven (947) digital well logging/data files were released to the public.
2. Compliance review was conducted on 38 well history files and associated data.
3. Twenty four (24) wells and associated data were released to the public.
4. Fifteen (15) core chip and washed and dried sample sets representing 84,085 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.