

**Monthly Summary**  
**Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**  
**Feb 1 to Feb 28, 2010**

**Commission Business**

1. Chair Seamount participated in the NARUC committee that oversees the SAIC “Analysis of the Impact on the Social, Economic and Environmental Effects of Maintaining Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Moratoria”. This report is soon to be published and distributed to national and state decision makers and the public.
2. Chair Seamount was interviewed by the Anchorage Daily News (ADN) on Mat-Su coal bed methane operations.
3. Commissioner Foerster attended a meeting of the GWPC in Austin, Texas.
4. Commissioners Foerster and Norman met with Alaska Earth Sciences representatives to discuss geothermal and underground coal gasification permitting.
5. Commissioner Foerster met with BP Alaska president, John Minge to get a North Slope operations update.
6. Chair Seamount testified before the House Finance Subcommittee for the Department of Administration.
7. The Commission assisted State Senator McGuire and DNR with the appropriate wording for a bill she is planning to introduce that would transfer some geothermal regulatory authority from the DNR to the AOGCC.
8. Commissioner Foerster answered questions before the House Labor and Commerce Committee concerning HB 280.
9. Commissioner Foerster visited with various members of the legislature answering questions regarding oil and gas issues.
10. Commissioner Foerster assisted in the preparation for a legislative review of budget items related to North Slope Gas Sales.
11. Chair Seamount testified before the Senate Finance Subcommittee.
12. Chair Seamount assisted State Representative Ramras on questions regarding the Umiat Field, North Slope.

**Regulatory Activities Completed / Continuing**

1. Senior staff attended a meeting at the Alaska DNR concerning a gas storage project. The gas storage injection is proposed for the Kenai, Alaska area. Commission staff were given a draft Storage Injection Order (SIO) application, and answered technical and procedural questions posed by DNR personnel and the applicant.
2. Senior staff met with the DNR Coal Manager concerning a Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) project.
3. The Spill Response Plan Standards (SRPS) for the Sunrise Lake wells, Kenai Peninsula have been completed.
4. Senior staff met with an operator to discuss compliance issues with the USGS Coal Bed Methane project, North West Alaska.

5. Administrative Approval CO 228.07 granted Union Oil Company of California (UNOCAL)'s request for an exception to the well spacing requirements of Conservation Order 228 (CO 228) to drill and produce the TBU M-10 Middle Kenai Gas Pool well.
6. The operator requested an amendment to AIO 22C.002 and AIO 3.010 to allow for commingling WAG injection within the Aurora and Prudhoe (Western Operating Area) Oil Pools. In accordance with Rule 9 of AIO 003.000, and Rule 8 of AIO 22C the Commission denied the request to authorize pool wide WAG injection but granted the request specifically for PBU S-31A.
7. In accordance with Rule 10 of Area Injection Order (AIO) 16.000, the Commission granted ConocoPhillips Alaska Inc. (CPAI)'s request for administrative approval (AIO 16.001) to continue water injection in the KRU 2N-325 well.
8. The Spill Response Plan Standards (SRPS) for the Birch Hills well are being reviewed by legal.
9. On February 16, 2010 the Commission continued a public hearing on its proposed repeal and readoption of 20 AAC 25.080, entitled "Annular disposal of drilling waste". The Commission heard testimony by representatives of ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. and the Alaska Oil and Gas Association (AOGA). After conferring in executive session with technical staff and counsel, the Commissioners left the hearing record open in order to pose written questions to, and receive a response from the United States EPA.

### **Projects Completed / Continuing**

1. Senior staff have completed the quarterly UIC report and it has been sent to the EPA.
2. Senior staff are continuing a geology review of the Mt Spurr Geothermal project.

### **Permitting and Rig Activity**

1. Approvals (February) – 4
2. Rig count – 18; North Slope – 15; Cook Inlet – 2; 1 Naknek (Geothermal well); (Up Three (3) from last month)
3. Total Documents to date: 401's = 27; 403's = 48; 404's = 87; 407's = 38; Total 200.