

**Monthly Summary**  
**Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**  
**December 1 to December 31, 2010**

**Commission Business**

1. Commissioner Foerster was in Calgary, AB, Canada attending a meeting of the Canada/US Northern Oil and Gas Research Forum. Commissioner Foerster co-chaired a panel on Oil Spill Prevention in the Arctic.
2. The monthly public meeting was held on the 1st of December.
3. Commissioner Norman attended a meeting with Larry Persily, Federal Coordinator for the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Project.
4. Senior staff attended a P.S.I.O. Liaison meeting.
5. Senior staff attended a Resources Sub-Cabinet meeting. The Regulatory Gap Analysis was discussed.
6. Commission Chair Seamount and Commissioner Foerster attended a meeting of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission in Tucson, AZ. Topics discussed included: Possible regulatory changes in response to the Macondo oil spill; Groundwater protection and hydraulic fracturing; BLM management of wellbores in Alaska.
7. The Commission held a Public Hearing on the 6th of December to hear testimony concerning the Regulatory Cost Charge for 2011.
8. The Commission held a Public Hearing on the 6th of December to hear testimony concerning the repeal of SVS Rules contained in Conservation Orders.
9. Commissioner Norman gave a presentation on Oil and Gas Regulation in Alaska at the Energy in Alaska Conference.
10. Commission Chair Seamount attended and gave a presentation at a meeting of Governor Parnell's Resources, Energy, and Environment Transition team.
11. The Commission has received from a member of the public an Application for Rehearing (about 500 pages) in opposition to the issuing of Storage Injection Order No. 9 (SIO 9), Sterling C Gas Storage Pool of the Cannery Loop Unit (CLU). Commission staff are reviewing the document.
12. Commissioner Norman met with the Governor's Chief of Staff, Mike Nizich, to discuss the Commission's role and support for the Alaska Earth Science Center.
13. Commission Chair Seamount met with acting Commissioner John Cramer concerning the role of the A.O.G.C.C.
14. Commission engineering staff and Commissioners Seamount and Foerster met with representatives from E.N.I. to address issues related to the impending start-up of production from the new Nikaitchuq Field.
15. Commissioner Foerster was deposed by the attorneys representing the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) owners for the lawsuit between TAPS owners and the State of Alaska.

## **Orders**

1. The Commission issued Interim Order, Docket CO-10-23, Conservation Order No. 641 allowing the MPU K-33 well to resume production.
2. In accordance with Rule 9 of Area Injection Order (AIO) 02B.000, the Commission issued Amended Administrative Approval, Area Injection Order 2B.047 granting the request of Conoco Phillips Alaska Inc. to continue water injection in the KRU 2K-18 (PTD 1891080) well.
3. In accordance with Rule 9 of Area Injection Order (AIO) 02B.000, the Commission issued Amended Administrative Approval, Area Injection Order 2B.052 granting the request of Conoco Phillips Alaska Inc. to continue water injection in the KRU 2D-02 (PTD 1841520) well.
4. In accordance with Rule 9 of Area Injection Order (AIO) 02B.000, the Commission issued Amended Administrative Approval, Area Injection Order 2B.053 granting the request of Conoco Phillips Alaska Inc. to continue water injection in the KRU 2D-14 (PTD 1841590) well.
5. In accordance with Rule 6 of Area Injection Order (AIO) 09.000, the Commission issued Administrative Approval, Area Injection Order 9.009 granting the request of XTO Energy to continue water injection in the MGS C41-23LN (PTD 2042360) well.

## **Regulatory Activities Completed / Continuing**

1. Commission staff is in contact with the U.S. Coast Guard regarding inspection and certification of jackup drilling rig due to be operating in the Cook Inlet.
2. Senior staff met with ConocoPhillips Alaska personnel regarding electromagnetically controlled subsurface safety valves.
3. The Commission issued Industry Guidance Bulletin No. 10-004, Safety Valve Systems.

## **Projects Completed / Continuing**

1. Commission staff continues to update the web published Statistical Report.
2. One thousand six hundred fifty one (1,651) digital well logging/data files were released to the public.
3. 949 GigaBytes of Well logging/analysis data were delivered to the public.

## **Permitting**

1. Drilling Permit Approvals (December) – 17 ( Exp 1, Dev 14, Ser 2)
2. Rig count – 11; North Slope – 11; Cook Inlet – 0; Coal Core – 0; Geothermal - 0; (Down 3 from last month)
3. Total Permit/Sundry Applications and Sundry Reports to date:  
401's = 192; 403's = 412; 404's = 683; 407's = 289; Total 1576.