

Monthly Summary
Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
May 1 to May 31, 2011

Commission Business

1. The regular Public Meeting of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, May 4th.
2. Commissioner Foerster participated on a panel on emerging perspectives of managing oil and gas risks in the Arctic offshore.
3. The Commission initiated a joint workgroup with industry to evaluate the effectiveness of existing gas disposition regulations and reporting processes.
4. Commissioner Seamount attended the Pacific Section AAPG in Anchorage.
5. Senior staff attended the AAPG and SPE conferences in Anchorage.
6. A summer engineering intern has been selected from seven candidates.
7. The three commissioners met with Region 10 EPA representatives to discuss Class II UIC administration and other oil and gas issues of mutual concern.
8. The three commissioners were interviewed for one hour by a Kenai radio station about oil and gas issues concerning the AOGCC.
9. Commissioner Foerster received a presentation on an experimental non-destructive testing method of identifying internal corrosion in above-ground piping.
10. The Commission held a public hearing on Unocal's Ivan River gas storage and aquifer exemption proposals.
11. Sr. Petroleum Geologist Steve Davies gave a presentation to the Alaska Bar Association, Section of Environmental and Natural Resource Law, on the Geology of the Cook Inlet Basin and the history of and future outlook for gas exploration and production in this basin.
12. Sr. Petroleum Geologist Art Saltmarsh attended a LINC Energy seminar at the Captain Cook hotel. Regulatory issues for LINC's proposed project in Alaska were discussed by Russ Kirkham, Coal Regulatory Manager.

Orders

1. The Commission issued Administrative Approval, Conservation Order 233.002 granting the North Slope Borough's request to set surface casing 200' TVD below the base of permafrost in upcoming development wells Savik #1 and Savik #2.
2. At the request of Pioneer Natural Resources Alaska, Inc, the Commission issued Conservation Order No. 645 defining the Ooguruk-Torok Oil Pool within the Ooguruk Unit and prescribing rules governing the development and operation of that pool.
3. At the request of Marathon Oil Company, the Commission issued Conservation Order 648 granting a spacing exception for drilling, completion,

testing and regular production of the Susan Dionne No. 7 gas development well.

Regulatory Activities Completed / Continuing

1. Three SRPS C-Plan exemptions are being worked on.
2. Commission staff are reviewing the National Commission report on the Macondo oil spill.

Projects Completed / Continuing

1. Commission staff continues to update the web published Statistical Report.
2. Two senior staff attended the AAPG core workshop and the North Slope Tectonic seminar.
3. One thousand eighty eight (1,088) digital well logging/data files were released to the public.
4. One thousand five hundred eighty four (1,584) GigaBytes of requested data were delivered to the public.

Permitting

1. Drilling Permit Approvals (May) – 12 (Exp/Strat Test 3, Dev 9, Ser 0)
2. Rig count – 15; North Slope – 13; Cook Inlet – 2; Coal Core – 0; Geothermal - 0; (Up One from last month)
3. Total Permit/Sundry Applications and Sundry Reports to date:
401's = 74; 403's = 181; 404's = 182; 407's = 114; Total 551.