

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

Commission Business

1. The regular Public Meeting of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was held on Wednesday, August 3rd.
2. Commissioner Seamount discussed concerns about the STO, DOA-IT, and performance measures with the Department's Deputy Commissioner.
3. The Summer intern completed her assignment here and made an outstanding presentation of her project results.
4. Commissioner Foerster testified before the Senate Resources Committee on North Slope gas sales.
5. The Commissioners met with Ms Jody Barringer of the Federal Office of Management and Budget to discuss the Commission's concerns regarding lack of regulatory compliance and, more importantly, lack of proper abandonment of the 137 "legacy" wells operated in Alaska by the Federal Bureau of Land Management.
6. Commissioner Foerster met with the new local manager of Baker Hughes.
7. Commissioners Foerster and Norman conducted an informal review of a possible violation with an operator.
8. Commissioners Foerster and Seamount met with the program director for the Wilderness Society to address her concerns about oil and gas development in Alaska.
9. Commissioner Foerster met with representatives of the DNR and USCG to coordinate inspection results for the Spartan 151 rig soon to be drilling in Cook Inlet.
10. Commissioners Seamount and Foerster met with State Senator Dyson to answer questions about oil and gas development in Alaska.
11. Commissioner Seamount and senior staff provided information on drilling activity to Representative Hawker's staff.

Orders

1. The Commission issued Administrative Approval No. AIO 01.012 granting BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc.'s request to correct the depth reference in AIO 01, Rule 2 regarding authorized injection strata for disposal.
2. The Commission issued AIO No. 22E authorizing BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc to commingle injection within well PBU S-09.
3. The Commission issued AIO No. 5A authorizing BP Exploration (Alaska), Inc to commingle injection within well PBU S-09 and to amend the Well Integrity Rules to be consistent with the new provisions adopted in 2004..
4. The Commission canceled Administrative Approval AIO 2B.047-Amended.

Regulatory Activities Completed / Continuing

1. Review of the Spartan 151 of 15kpsi shear ram certification documents is underway.
2. Three SRPS have been completed and sent to Legal for review.
3. Senior staff continue to gather relevant documents for the Public Hearing to seek comments in Docket OTH-10-16 concerning whether changes or additions may be needed to the AOGCC's regulations governing drilling, rig workover and well control in offshore and ultra-extended reach wells drilled in areas of the State of Alaska under the AOGCC's jurisdiction.
4. The 2011 2nd calendar quarter UIC report was sent to EPA Region X.
5. Staff are reviewing Regulatory Cost Charge calculations.

Projects Completed / Continuing

1. Commission staff continues to update the web published Statistical Report.
2. Senior Staff has been working on amendments to AS Title 31, and Title 20.
3. Senior Staff are reviewing and revising the Performance Measures for FY 2011.
4. Three (3) well histories and Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen (2,415) digital well logging/data files were released to the public.
5. Two Hundred Seventy Five (275) GigaBytes of requested data were delivered to the public.

Permitting

1. Drilling Permit Approvals (August) – 21 (Exp/Strat Test 1, Dev 13, Ser 7)
2. Rig count – 16; North Slope – 11; Cook Inlet – 5; Coal Core – 0; Geothermal - 0; (Up Two from last month)
3. Total Permit/Sundry Applications and Sundry Reports to date:
401's = 127; 403's = 270; 404's = 366; 407's = 160; Total 923.