

Monthly Summary
Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
September 1 to September 30, 2012

Commission Business

1. The Commission did not hold its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, September 5th due to office closure caused by inclement weather.
2. The Commission held a hearing to consider the area injection order request of Pioneer for the Ooguruk Torok pool.
3. Commissioner Foerster participated on an oil and gas panel at the Alliance of Hazardous Material Professionals' annual meeting.
4. Commissioner Foerster met with Neil Kornze, the acting deputy director of the BLM to discuss legacy wells.
5. Commissioner Foerster attended the ceremonial signing of HR 69 (a resolution urging the federal government to take responsibility to plug and abandon the BLM legacy wells) by Governor Parnell.
6. Commissioner Norman attended the Arctic Challenges conference in Anchorage.
7. Commissioner Foerster and administrative staff met with Victor Leamer of the Department of Administration to initiate the formal bid process for the new AOGCC filing system.
8. Commissioner Foerster met with representatives from the Bureau of Land Management to discuss prioritization of legacy well plugging and abandonment.
9. Commissioners Foerster and Seamount met with Department of Energy representatives to discuss the unique challenges of energy extraction in Alaska.
10. Commissioner Norman participated in a telephonic update regarding EPA's Congressionally mandated Study of the Potential Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing on Drinking Water Resources.
11. Commissioner Foerster met with State Representative Saddler to discuss oil and gas issues that may be important in the upcoming legislative session.
12. Commissioner Seamount answered questions from a State Senate office regarding permit processing time.

Orders

1. The Commission issued Conservation Order No. 274A.
2. The Commission cancelled Administrative Approval No. AIO 22D.002.
3. The Commission cancelled Administrative Approval No. AIO 5.012.
4. The Commission issued Administrative Approval Area Injection Order No. 31.001.
5. The Commission issued Administrative Approval Area Injection Order No. 20.002.

6. The Commission issued Administrative Approval Area Injection Order No. 24B.003.
7. The Commission issued Administrative Approval Area Injection Order No. 25A.011.
8. The Commission issued Administrative Approval Area Injection Order No. 4E.042.
9. The Commission issued Administrative Approval Area Injection Order No. 3A.001.
10. The Commission issued Administrative Approval Area Injection Order No. 14A.003.
11. The Commission issued Conservation Order No.659.
12. The Commission issued Administrative Approval Area Injection Order No, 25A.012.
13. The Commission issued Administrative Approval Area Injection Order No. 25A.013.
14. The Commission issued Administrative Approval Area Injection Order No. 25A.014.
15. The Commission issued Administrative Approval Area Injection Order No. 25A.015.
16. The Commission issued Conservation Order No. 660.
17. The Commission issued Conservation Order No. 661.
18. The Commission issued Conservation Order No. 662.
19. The Commission issued Conservation Order No. 663.

Regulatory Activities Completed / Continuing

1. Senior staff met with an operator to discuss well spacing requirements.

Projects Completed / Continuing

1. Commission staff continues to update the web published Statistical Reports. (continuing).
2. Senior Staff have been working on amendments to AS Title 31, and Title 20. (continuing)
3. Senior staff is upgrading and consolidating Commission hydraulic fracture regulations. (continuing)
4. Forty (40) well histories and associated data were released to the public.
5. Two thousand two hundred thirty (2230) digital well logging/data files were released to the public.
6. Three thousand four hundred sixty nine (3,469) Mega Bytes of requested data were delivered to the public.

Permitting

1. Drilling Permit Approvals (September) – 14 (Exp/Strat Test 2, Dev 12, Ser 0)
2. Rig count – 22; North Slope – 12; Cook Inlet – 10 Coal Core – 0; Geothermal - 0; (Up 5 from last month)
3. Total Permit/Sundry Applications and Sundry Reports to date:
401's =165; 403's =368; 404's = 379; 407's = 205; Total 1,117