

**Monthly Summary**  
**Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**  
**October 1 to October 31, 2012**

**Commission Business**

1. The Commission held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
2. A pre-application meeting was held between an operator and senior staff.
3. At the request of Senator Begich, Commissioner Foerster held a teleconference with representatives of technology company OptaSense to discuss opportunities for their company's technologies to be useful to the oil and gas industry in Alaska.
4. The Commission released the amended Public Request Fee schedule. It became effective November 1, 2012.
5. Commissioners Foerster and Seamount provided a briefing of AOGCC activities to Mike Nizich of the Governor's office.
6. Senior staff met with a Cook Inlet operator concerning their activities.
7. The Commissioners and Senior Petroleum Geologist Steve Davies interviewed candidates for the open Petroleum Geologist position. Subsequently, the Commission hired a new Senior Petroleum Geologist. She will begin work November 7<sup>th</sup>.
8. Commissioners Seamount and Foerster attended the 2012 annual meeting of the IOGCC. Commissioner Foerster addressed both the general session and the Safety and Environmental Committee concerning the 136 BLM legacy wells in Alaska.
9. Senior staff spoke with Claire Pywell (Nation Parks Conservation Association) about the AOGCC's role in exploration gas licensing and development. Currently she is writing a "Citizens Guide to Natural Gas Permitting in Alaska".
10. ExxonMobil gave a presentation to AOGCC professional staff concerning plans for development of the Pt.Thomson Unit. Representatives of DNR also attended the presentation.

**Orders**

1. The Commission issued Area Injection Order No.21.001.
2. The Commission issued Area Injection Order No.37.
3. The Commission issued Administrative Approval AIO No. 31.001 Amended.
4. The Commission issued Administrative Approval AIO No. 4E.042 Amended.
5. The Commission issued Administrative Approval AIO No. 14A.003 Amended.
6. The Commission issued Administrative Approval AIO No. 20.002 Amended.
7. The Commission issued Administrative Approval AIO No. 22E.001 Amended.

8. The Commission issued Administrative Approval AIO No. 24B.003 Amended.
9. The Commission issued Administrative Approval AIO No. 25A.011 Amended.
10. The Commission issued Administrative Approval AIO No. 26B.001 Amended.
11. The Commission issued Administrative Approval AIO No. 3A.001 Amended.
12. The Commission issued Aquifer Exemption Order No. 15.

### **Regulatory Activities Completed / Continuing**

1. Senior staff completed the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Class II UIC report as per EPA Grant Year 2013 (G-00J59001-0) Assistance Agreement.

### **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. Twenty three (23) well histories and associated data were released to the public.
5. One thousand four hundred forty three (1443) digital well logging/data files were released to the public.
6. Four thousand five hundred thirty (4,530) Mega Bytes of requested data were delivered to the public.
7. Four (4) Core chip and washed/dried sample sets representing 30,211 borehole feet were transferred to the G.M.C.

### **Permitting**

1. Drilling Permit Approvals (October) – 16 ( Exp/Strat Test 4, Dev 8, Ser 4)
2. Rig count – 22; North Slope – 10; Cook Inlet – 12 Coal Core – 0; Geothermal - 0; No change in State total from last month
3. Total Permit/Sundry Applications and Sundry Reports to date:  
401's = 184; 403's = 421; 404's = 444; 407's = 228; Total 1,277