

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE  
REGULATIONS OF THE  
ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 20, Chapter 25 of the Alaska Administrative Code, governing well abandonment markers, including:

20 AAC 25.120 is proposed to be amended. The intended effect of the repeal and readoption is clarification of the required dimensions, configuration, and placement of a well abandonment marker, and elimination of the use of marker posts.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission at 333 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. The comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 2, 2009.

Oral or written comments also may be submitted at a hearing to be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on November 19, 2009, at 333 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. The hearing may continue beyond 12:00 p.m. to allow comment by those present before 9:30 a.m. The public comment period will close at the end of the November 19, 2009 hearing.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Jody Colombie at (907) 793-1221 no later than November 4, 2009 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact Jody Colombie at 333 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, (907) 793-1221, or go to [www.aogcc.state.gov](http://www.aogcc.state.gov).

After the public comment period ends, the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission will either adopt these or other provisions addressing the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.**

**Statutory Authority:** AS 31.05.030.

**Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific:** AS 31.05.030.

**Fiscal Information:** The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

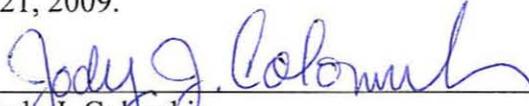
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Daniel T. Seamount, Jr., Chair

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION  
(AS 44.62.190(d))

1. Adopting agency: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.
2. General subject of regulations: well abandonment markers.
3. Citation of regulations: 20 AAC 25.120.
4. Reason for the proposed action: update the well abandonment marker specifications.
5. RDU/component affected: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.
6. Cost of implementation to the state agency: zero.
7. Contact person for the regulations:  
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8. Origin of the proposed action: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission staff.
9. Date: September 21, 2009.
10. Prepared by:   
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20 AAC 25.120 is repealed and readopted to read:

**20 AAC 25.120. Well abandonment marker.** The exact surface location of an abandoned onshore well must be shown by a steel well abandonment marker plate that must:

- (a) be at least 1/4 inch thick;
- (b) be welded to, and must cover the outermost casing string (including conductor);
- (c) not extend beyond the outermost casing string; and
- (d) have the following information bead-welded directly to the marker plate:
  - (1) the name of the operator that plugged and abandoned the well;
  - (2) the number that the commission has, under 20 AAC 25.040(b), assigned to the Permit to Drill for the well;
  - (3) the name designated for the well by the operator under 20 AAC 25.005(f);
  - (4) the API number for the well, with any suffix appended to the number under 20 AAC 25.005(f).

**History:** Eff. 4/13/80, Register 74; am 4/2/86, Register 97; am 11/7/99, Register 152; \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_)

**Authority:** AS 31.05.030