

Amended Regulations dealing with obsolete references to filing fee for Permit to Drill: 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1), (e)(2); 20 AAC 25.015(a)(1), (b)(1); 20 AAC 25.605(a).

The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission has amended its regulations dealing with obsolete references to filing fee for Permit to Drill: 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1), (e)(2); 20 AAC 25.015(a)(1), (b)(1); 20 AAC 25.605(a). The amended regulation also eliminates the filing fees required to accompany an application for a Permit to Drill. The Lieutenant Governor signed and filed the regulation changes on March 5, 2013, with an effective date of April 4, 2013.

For further information or to obtain a copy of the amended regulations, contact Jody Colombie at (907) 793-1221, fax (907) 276-7542, or e-mail jody.colombie@alaska.gov.

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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: March 8, 2013

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Regulations re: obsolete references to filing fee for permit to drill: 20 AAC 25.005(c)(1),(e)(2); 20 AAC 25.015(a)(1),(b)(1); 20 AAC 25.605(a)

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Regulation Filed:	3/5/2013
Effective Date:	4/4/2013
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cc with enclosures: Linda Miller, Department of Law
Robert Pearson, Administrative Regulation Review Committee
Judy Herndon, LexisNexis

ORDER CERTIFYING THE CHANGES TO
REGULATIONS OF ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

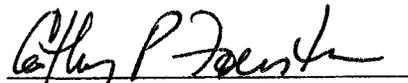
The attached 3 pages of regulations, dealing with eliminating filing fees for an application for a permit to drill, is certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission adopted at its January 8, 2013 public hearing, under the authority of AS 31.05.030 and AS 31.05.040 and after compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act (AS 44.62), specifically including notice under AS 44.62.190 and 44.62.200 and opportunity for public comment under AS 44.62.210.

This action is not expected to require an increased appropriation.

On the record, in considering public comments, the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken. Although no public comments were received, the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission paid special attention to the cost to private persons of the regulatory action being taken.

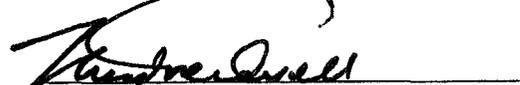
The regulation changes described in this order take effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the lieutenant governor, as provided in AS 44.62.180.

DATE: January 11, 2013
Anchorage, Alaska


Cathy P. Foerster
Chair, Commissioner

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Mead Treadwell, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on March 5, at 11:00 a.m., I filed the attached regulations according to the provisions of AS 44.62.040 - 44.62.120.


Mead Treadwell
Lieutenant Governor

Effective: April 4, 2013
Register: 206, July 2013

20 AAC 25.005(c)(1) is repealed:

(1) repealed 4/4/2013;

20 AAC 25.005(e)(2) is amended to read:

(2) for each other well branch, the application for a Permit to Drill need only include information under (c) of this section that is unique to that well branch [AND NEED NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE \$100 FEE].

(Eff. 4/13/80, Register 74; am 4/2/86, Register 97; am 11/7/99, Register 152; am 6/4/2000,

Register 154; am 1/5/2006, Register 177; am 12/28/2006, Register 180; am 4/4/2013

Register 206)

Authority: AS 31.05.030

AS 31.05.090

20 AAC 25.015(a)(1) is amended to read:

(1) submit and obtain the commission's approval of a new application for a Permit to Drill if the proposed surface location is changed, if the proposed bottom-hole location or the proposed location of an objective formation is changed by more than 500 feet laterally or

vertically, or if the change requires a spacing exception under 20 AAC 25.055; [HOWEVER, NO ADDITIONAL FEE IS REQUIRED;] or

20 AAC 25.015(b)(1) is amended to read:

(1) submit and obtain the commission's approval of a new application for a Permit to Drill [, ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE OF \$100,] if the proposed bottom-hole location or the proposed location of an objective formation is changed by more than 500 feet laterally or vertically, or if the change requires a spacing exception under 20 AAC 25.055; or

(Eff. 4/13/80, Register 74; am 4/2/86, Register 97; am 11/7/99, Register 152; am 1/5/2006, Register 177; am 4/4/2013 Register 206)

Authority: AS 31.05.030 AS 31.05.090

5(a)
20 AAC 25.605 is amended to read:

(a) The formula for determining a person's regulatory cost charge under AS 31.05.093 is

no bold
$$RCC = V_{OP} / V_{TOT} * (A[-F]-L)$$

where *no bold* publisher: the "-F" is material the agency wants deleted

no bold
RCC = the regulatory cost charge;

no bold
V_{OP} = the total volume of oil and gas produced from, and oil, gas, water, and other fluids

injected into, during the most recently concluded calendar year, wells for which a Permit to Drill

has been issued under AS 31.05.090, of which the person is the operator on the first day of the fiscal year, and that have not before that day been plugged and abandoned and reported as abandoned in accordance with this chapter;

V_{TOT} = the total volume of oil and gas produced from, and oil, gas, water, and other

fluids injected into, during the most recently concluded calendar year, all wells for which a Permit to Drill has been issued under AS 31.05.090 and that have not before the first day of the fiscal year been plugged and abandoned and reported as abandoned in accordance with this chapter;

A = the appropriation, other than from federal receipts, made for the operating costs of the commission for the fiscal year;

[**F** = THE COMMISSION'S REASONABLE ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL FEES TO BE COLLECTED UNDER AS 31.05.090 DURING THE FISCAL YEAR;]

L = the lapsed amount of a previous appropriation that is appropriated for the fiscal year under AS 31.05.093 (d).

(Eff. 6/4/2000, Register 154, Register 180; am 4/4/2013 Register 206)

Authority: AS 31.05.030

AS 31.05.093

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~~

- (1) is constructed of steel that is
- (a) ~~be~~ at least 1/4 inch thick;
- (2) is
- (b) ~~be~~ welded to, and ~~must~~ cover ^(S) the outermost casing string ^{(the) (casing)} (including conductor);
- (3) does
- (c) not extend beyond the outermost casing string; and
- (4) contains
- (d) ~~have~~ the following information bead-welded directly to the marker plate:

- (A) ~~(A)~~ the name of the operator that plugged and abandoned the well; ^(by the Commission)
- (B) ~~(B)~~ the number ~~that the commission has, under 20 AAC 25.040(b), assigned to the~~ ^(Form 10-401) Permit to Drill for the well ^{under 20 AAC 25.040(b);}
- (C) ~~(C)~~ the name designated for the well by the operator under 20 AAC 25.005(f);
- (D) ~~(D)~~ 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; am
____/____/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 31.05.030 →