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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Amy Demboski
Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

FROM: April Simpson, Office of the Lieutenant Governor 465.4081 

DATE: February 5, 2021

RE: Filed Permanent Regulations: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission regulations re: bonding requirements (20 AAC 25.025)

Attorney General File:	2020200516
Regulation Filed:	2/5/2021
Effective Date:	3/7/2021
Print:	237, April 2021

cc with enclosures: Harry Hale, Department of Law
Judy Herndon, LexisNexis
Jeremy Price, Commissioner

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

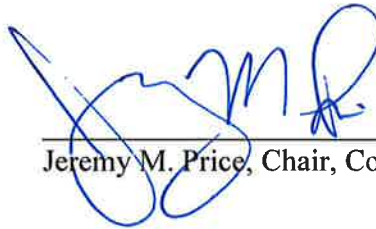
The attached 3 pages of the regulations are certified to be a correct copy of the regulation changes that the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission adopted under the authority of AS 31.05.030 at its December 2, 2020 meeting.

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.

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: December 7, 2020



Jeremy M. Price, Chair, Commissioner, AOGCC

April Simpson for

FILING CERTIFICATION

I, Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Alaska, certify that on February 5th, 2021, at 4:02 . m., I filed the attached regulation.

April Simpson
for Lieutenant Governor Kevin Meyer

Effective: March 7, 2021.

Register: 23rd April 2021.

FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

**I, KEVIN MEYER, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA,
designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act
filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:**

**Josh Applebee, Chief of Staff
Kady Levale, Notary Administrator
April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist**

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
signed and affixed the Seal of the State of
Alaska, in Juneau, on December 11th,
2018.**



K. Meyer
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**KEVIN MEYER
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

20 AAC 25.025(b)(1) is amended to read:

(1) a bond, and if required, security must be in the amount specified in the

following table:

Number of Permitted Wellheads Bond Amount

1-5 wells \$400,000 per well

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6-20 wells \$2,000,000 plus an additional \$250,000 per well for each well above

↑↑

5 (e.g. the bond for an operator with ^(eight) 8 wells would be \$2,750,000 ^(C\$2,000,000) \$2 million for the first five wells plus \$250,000 per well for wells 6 through 8)

21-40 wells \$6,000,000

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[1-10 wells \$400,000 per well

↑↑

11-40 wells \$6,000,000]

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41-100 wells \$10,000,000

↑↑

101-1,000 wells \$20,000,000

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Over 1,000 wells \$30,000,000

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> 20 AAC 25.025(b)(3) is amended to read:

(3) upon request of an operator, or its own motion, the commission may increase

or decrease the amounts set out in (1) of this subsection based on evidence that

(A) engineering, geotechnical, environmental, or location conditions

warrant an adjustment of those amounts;

(B) a bond and, if required, security that is exclusively dedicated to the

plugging and abandonment of a ^(one) well or ^(more) wells is in place with each landowner; or

(C) a bond and, if required, security that is in place with the United States Environmental Protection Agency dedicated to the plugging and abandonment of Underground Injection Control permitted Class I disposal wells.

> 20 AAC 25.025(c) is amended to read:

(c) An operator with a bond and, if required, security in place on May 18, 2019 will be allowed to increase the amount of its bond and, if required, security to the amount required under

(b) of this section in seven [FOUR] installments. The installments shall be made as follows:

(1) the first installment is due August 16, 2019 and must be a minimum of \$500,000 or one-quarter of the difference between the operator's existing level of bonding and, if required, security and the level required under (b) of this section, whichever is greater;

(2) the second through sixth installments are due annually on August 16 of the five years following the first installment and must be a minimum of one-sixth of the difference between the operator's level of bonding, rounded up to the nearest thousand, and, if required, security after payment of the first installment and the level required under

(b) of this section [INSTALLMENT IS DUE AUGUST 16, 2020 AND MUST BE A MINIMUM OF \$500,000 OR ONE-THIRD OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE OPERATOR'S EXISTING LEVEL OF BONDING AND, IF REQUIRED, SECURITY AND THE LEVEL REQUIRED UNDER (B) OF THIS SECTION, WHICHEVER IS GREATER];

and

(3) the final seventh installment is due on August 16 of the year following the sixth installment and must be in the amount of the difference between the operator's existing level of bonding, rounded up to the nearest thousand, and, if required, security and the level required under (b) of this section [THE THIRD INSTALLMENT IS DUE AUGUST

16, 2021 AND MUST BE A MINIMUM OF \$500,000 OR ONE-HALF OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE OPERATOR'S EXISTING LEVEL OF BONDING AND, IF REQUIRED, SECURITY AND THE LEVEL REQUIRED UNDER (B) OF THIS SECTION, ^{in lowercase}WHICHEVER IS GREATER; AND

(4) THE FINAL INSTALLMENT IS DUE AUGUST 16, 2022 AND MUST BE IN THE AMOUNT OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE OPERATOR'S EXISTING LEVEL OF BONDING AND, IF REQUIRED, SECURITY AND THE LEVEL REQUIRED ^{in lowercase}UNDER (B) OF THIS SECTION].

(Eff. 4/13/80, Register 74; am 4/2/86, Register 97; am 11/7/99, Register 152; am 5/18/2019, Register 230; am 3 / 7 / 2021 Register 237)

Authority: AS 31.05.030


MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska Department of Law

To: The Honorable Kevin Meyer
Lieutenant Governor

Date: February 5, 2021

File No.: 2020200516

Thru: Susan R. Pollard 
Chief Assistant Attorney General
and Regulations Attorney
Legislation and Regulations Section

Tel. No.: 465-3600

From: Steven C. Weaver *SCW*
Senior Assistant Attorney General
Legislation and Regulations Section

Re: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation
Commission regulations re: bonding
requirements (20 AAC 25.025)

The Department of Law has reviewed the attached regulations of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission against the statutory standards of the Administrative Procedure Act. Based upon our review, we find no legal problems. This memorandum constitutes the written statement of approval under AS 44.62.060(b) and (c) that authorizes your office to file the attached regulations. The regulations were adopted by the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission after the close of the public comment period. To reflect how prior regulations--adopted in 2019, to address inadequate bond amounts--worked in practice, these regulations adjust requirements for the bonding of operators: to reduce slightly the bonding amounts for certain operators with fewer wells; to reduce the default bonding by the amount of any bond, held by a landowner or agency, that an operator can demonstrate is dedicated exclusively to the costs of plugging and abandoning wells; and to split annual installment payments over a longer period of time, easing the burden of higher bond amounts, and without any substantial adverse impact on compliance with the 2019 regulations.

The August 5, 2020 public notice, the October 18, 2020 supplemental public notice, and the December 7, 2020 certification of adoption order all state that this action is not expected to require an increased appropriation. Therefore, a fiscal note under AS 44.62.195 is not required.

We have made some technical corrections to conform the regulations in accordance with AS 44.62.125. The corrections are shown on the attached copy of the regulations.

SCW

cc w/enc: Jeremy M. Price, Chair and Commissioner
 Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Amy Demboski, Assistant Commissioner and Regulations Contact
Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Jody Colombie, Special Assistant to the Commission and Regulations Specialist
Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Thomas A. "Tab" Ballantine, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Oil and Gas Section

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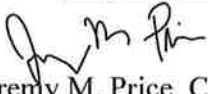
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Date: August 4, 2020


Jeremy M. Price, Chair, Commissioner
Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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(AS 44.62.190(g))

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program	\$0	\$0
Other (identify)	\$0	\$0

8. The name of the contact person for the regulation:

Name: Jody Colombie
Title: Special Assistant to the Commission
Address: 333 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501
Telephone: (907) 793-1221
E-mail address: jody.colombie@alaska.gov

9. The origin of the proposed action:

☒ Staff of state agency
☐ Federal government
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☐ Petition for regulation change
☐ Other (identify) _____

10. Date: 8/4/2020 Prepared by: Jody J Colombie
Name: Jody Colombie
Title: Special Assistant to the Commission
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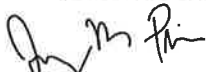
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Lisi Misa being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that she is a representative of the Anchorage Daily News, a daily newspaper. That said newspaper has been approved by the Third Judicial Court, Anchorage, Alaska, and it now and has been published in the English language continually as a daily newspaper in Anchorage, Alaska, and it is now and during all said time was printed in an office maintained at the afore-said place of publication of said newspaper. That the annexed is a copy of an advertisement as it was published in regular issues (and not in supplemental form) of said newspaper on

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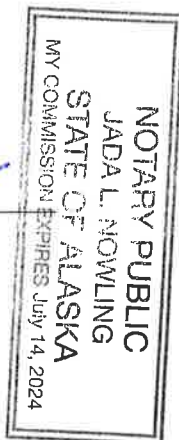
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Notary Public in and for
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Prepared by: //signature on file//
Name: Jody J. Colomble
Title: Special Assistant to the Commission
Telephone: (907) 793-1221

Published: October 18, 2020

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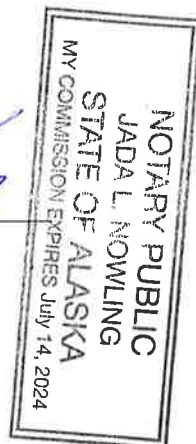
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Written comments also may be submitted at the September 1, 2020 hearing. The hearing is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 10:30 a.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment.

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 jody.colombie@alaska.gov or mailing 333 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501 or calling (907) 793-1221 not later than August 25, 2020 to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Jody Colombie at the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission at 333 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501 or calling (907) 793-1221.

After the public comment period ends, the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission may either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. 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.

The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission keeps a list of individuals and organizations interested in its regulations. Those on the list will automatically be sent a copy of all the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission notices of proposed regulation changes. To be added or removed from the list, send a request to the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission at jody.colombie@alaska.gov, giving your name, and either your email address or mailing address, as you prefer receiving notices.

Date: August 4, 2020

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Jeremy M. Price, Chair, Commissioner
Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Published: August 5, 2020

AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION
AND FURNISHING OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I, Jody J. Colombie, Special Assistant, of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, being sworn, state the following:

As required by AS 44.62.190, notice of the proposed adoption of changes to 20 AAC 25.025 has been given by being

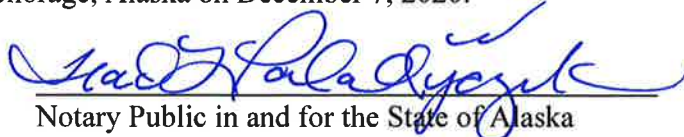
- (1) published in a newspaper or trade publication;
- (2) furnished to every person who has filed a request for notice of proposed action with the state agency;
- (3) furnished to appropriate state officials;
- (4) furnished to interested persons;
- (5) furnished to the Department of Law, along with a copy of the proposed regulation;
- (6) furnished electronically to incumbent State of Alaska legislators;
- (7) posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System as required by AS 44.62.175(a)(1) and (b) and 44.62.190(a)(1).

As required by AS 44.62.190, additional regulation notice information regarding the proposed adoption of the regulation changes described above has been furnished to interested persons and those in (2), (4) and (6) of the list above. The additional regulation notice information also has been posted on the Alaska Online Public Notice System.

Date: December 7, 2020


Jody J. Colombie, Special Assistant AOGCC

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Anchorage, Alaska on December 7, 2020.


Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska

AFFIDAVIT OF ORAL HEARINGS

I, Jeremy M. Price, Chair, Commissioner of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, being sworn, state the following:

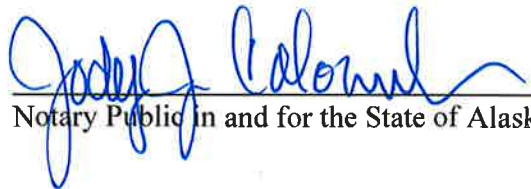
On September 1, 2020 and November 4, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., 333 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, I presided over public hearings held under AS 44.62.210 for the purpose of taking testimony in connection with the adoption of changes to 20 AAC 25.025.

Date: December 7, 2020



Jeremy M. Price, Commissioner, AOGCC

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Anchorage, Alaska on December 7, 2020.



Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska

ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION HEARING
December 2, 2020
Excerpt From Unapproved Minutes

Chair, Commissioner Jeremy M. Price moved and Commissioner Jessie L. Chmielowski seconded the following motion:

"I move to adopt 20 AAC 25.025 as written in November 4, 2020, draft regulation."

The motion carried unanimously.

AFFIDAVIT OF COMMISSION ACTION

I, Jody J. Colombie, Special Assistant, for the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, being duly sworn, state the following:

The attached motion was passed by the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission during its December 2, 2020 meeting.

Date: December 7, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jody J. Colombie", written over a horizontal line.

Jody J. Colombie, AOGCC Special Assistant

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Anchorage, Alaska on December 7, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tae H. Park", written over a horizontal line.

Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska