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Notice of Intent to Evaluate Gas Exploration License Proposal, Request for Additional Proposals, and Extended Request for Comments on Exploration within Solicitation Area

Notice of Intent to Evaluate Gas Exploration License Proposal

The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas (DO&G) intends to evaluate the acceptability of a gas only exploration license proposal for the Susitna Valley area. In accordance with AS 38.05.133, AS 38.05.945(b), and 11 AAC 82.912 and 11 AAC 82.918. The proposal was received in accordance with AS 38.05.133(b) and 11 AAC 82.909(d).

Request for Additional Proposals

DO&G requests additional proposals for gas only exploration within the Susitna Valley solicitation area. The solicitation area consists of **state-owned**, **unencumbered land** within T 18 N., R. 5-12 W., T. 19 N., R 5-12 W., T. 20 R. 5-12 W., T 21 N., R. 5-12 W., T. 22 N., R 5-12 W., T. 23 N., R. 5-12 W., T. 24 R. 5-12 W., T. 25 N., R. 5-12 W. Seward Meridian. A notice of intent to submit a proposal must be submitted within 30 days of the date of the initial public notice dated August 7, 2024. (5:00 pm on September 6, 2024). (11 AAC 82.912(b)).

To submit a proposal, please complete the Exploration License Application form, available at <u>http://dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Programs/ExplorationLicensing.htm</u>, provide the required attachments, and send all documents to the address listed at the end of this announcement. **Proposals must be received within 60 days from the date of the initial public notice dated August 7, 2024 (5:00 pm on October 7, 2024).** (11 AAC 82.912(c)). If proposals are received and the commissioner finds that an exploration license should be issued, the commissioner will request competitive sealed bids from each applicant who submitted a proposal.

Extended Request for Comments on Exploration within the Solicitation Area

DO&G has extended its request comments on exploration for gas resources within the solicitation area (refer to map). A successful license holder will have the exclusive right to explore state land within the license area for deposits of gas for up to 10 years, and may convert all or a portion of the license area to gas leases after meeting the work commitment specified in the license. Before issuing an exploration license, DO&G must, in writing, find that an exploration license in this area is in the state's best interest (AS 38.05.133(f)).

How to Submit Comments, Notices of Intent, and Proposals

Clearly mark submittal(s) as "Comment on Exploration in the Susitna Valley Solicitation Area", or "Agency Information on Exploration within the Susitna Valley Solicitation Area" and send to: Best Interest Findings 500 W. 7th Ave., Suite 1100, Anchorage, AK 99501 or email to: dog.bif@alaska.gov

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5:00 P.M., October 7, 2024

The DO&G complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act 1990. On request, this announcement will be made available in alternative communication formats. A person is eligible to file a request for reconsideration of the commissioner's decision and file a subsequent appeal to the Superior Court only if the person has meaningfully participated in the process by either submitting written comment during the period for receipt of public comment or has presented oral testimony at a public hearing, if a public hearing was held, and is affected by the final written finding (AS 38.05.035(i)).



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