

Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period

STATE OF ALASKA ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

RE: Docket No. ERIO-21-001

By application received November 29, 2021, Hilcorp Alaska, LLC (Hilcorp) requested the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC) issue an order approving a pilot enhanced oil recovery (EOR) project in the Ugnu Formation in the Milne Point Unit (MPU).

Enhanced recovery regulations (20 AAC 25.402) are in place to ensure that EOR injection projects are conducted in a manner that will lead to increased ultimate recovery, prevent the injected fluids from escaping the injection interval, and protect sources of freshwater. Operators must apply for, and be granted, an order that authorizes EOR injection before they can commence injection operations. Part of the application process requires the operator to notify, and provide a copy of the application to, all operators and surface owners within a ¼-mile radius of the proposed injection well(s). For situations where the viability of a specific EOR process has not been demonstrated as being effective in a certain application, such as this proposal to conduct water and polymer injection for EOR purposes in the Ugnu Formation, 20 AAC 25.450(b) allows the AOGCC to issue an injection order approving a pilot EOR injection project to allow for the gathering the information necessary to show whether or not it is viable before a full field project is pursued. Pilot project EOR orders are usually time limited and often require different data collection and reporting requirements than a conventional EOR injection order since the purpose of a pilot EOR injection project is to demonstrate feasibility of a process before pursuing it on a fieldwide basis.

This notice does not contain all the information filed by Hilcorp. You may obtain more information about this filing by contacting the AOGCC's Special Assistant, Grace Salazar, at (907) 793-1221 or grace.salazar@alaska.gov.

The AOGCC has tentatively scheduled a public hearing on this matter for **Tuesday, January 11, 2022**, at 10:00 a.m. in the AOGCC hearing room located at 333 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501, with an option to participate remotely via MS Teams. The audio call-in information is (907) 202-7104, conference ID no. 603 114 580#. Anyone who wishes to participate remotely using MS Teams video conference should contact Ms. Salazar at least two business days before the scheduled public hearing to request an invitation for the MS Teams.

Please note, the hearing will be held if AOGCC receives written request by 4:30 p.m., December 22, 2021. If a request for a hearing is not timely filed, the AOGCC may consider the issuance of an order without a hearing. If the Commission receives a timely request for the hearing or if the Commission decides to hold the scheduled hearing, the Commission may change the format of the hearing from hybrid to a full virtual hearing using MS Teams in the event of safety restrictions due high or increasing levels of COVID-19 cases. The Commission will update its Events webpage for any changes on or after December 22, 2021.

To comment on the Hilcorp's filing, please submit your comments by 4:30 p.m., January 7, 2022, at the AOGCC address given above or via email at aogcc.customer.svc@alaska.gov, fax at (907) 276-7542, or the State of Alaska Online Public Notices System.

Individuals or groups of people with disabilities who require special accommodations to comment or attend the hearing should contact Ms. Salazar at (907) 793-1221, no later than January 7, 2022.

Jeremy M. Price
Chair, Commissioner