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Well Plugging Requirements 20 AAC 25.112

As a result of some recent questions, the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("Commission") would like to clarify the application of certain well plugging requirements contained in 20 AAC 25.112(c). Perforated intervals in cased portions of a wellbore must be plugged according to the requirements of 20 AAC 25.112(c)(1). AOGCC regulation 20 AAC 25.112(c)(1)(D) governs the use of a cement retainer, such as an EZSV, or production packer to plug a cased portion of a well bore. 20 AAC 25.112(c)(1)(E) governs similar cased well plugging using a mechanical bridge plug, such as a CIBP. The requirements for use of a mechanical bridge plug are not interchangeable with the requirements for use of a cement retainer or production packer.

Please note that if a proposed plugging operation does not meet the minimum requirements set out in a subsection of 20 AAC 25.112, the operator must request a variance pursuant to 20 AAC 25.112(i).

In order to ensure regulatory compliance, please share this guidance with all appropriate members of your organizations. Please direct questions or discussion to Winton Aubert at (907) 793-1231.

Sincerely,

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