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**Industry Guidance Bulletin 10-003A**  
Reporting BOPE Use

The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("AOGCC") reissues this Industry Guidance Bulletin to clarify reporting obligations when blowout prevention equipment is used during well operations. This Industry Guidance Bulletin supersedes Industry Guidance Bulletin No. 10-003 previously issued on August 9, 2010. Regulations governing secondary well control equipment and procedures require an operator to report any instance of blowout prevention equipment (BOPE) use for well control or other equivalent purpose, or when routine use of the equipment may have compromised its effectiveness.<sup>1</sup> This reporting requirement applies to drilling, completion and workover operations.<sup>2</sup> The components used must be function pressure-tested, before the next wellbore entry, to the required working pressure specified in the approved permit to drill or sundry. The AOGCC provides the following guidance to standardize the type of information to be reported when BOPE is used.

Report Timeframe: within 24 hours

Report Contents

Date, Time of BOPE Use

Well/Location/PTD Number

Rig Name

Operator Contact

Operations Summary, including events leading up to BOPE use

BOPE Used<sup>3</sup>

Reason for BOPE Use

Actions Taken/To Be Taken

Date Used BOPE Retested (if not retested, describe why)

This information should be sent electronically to [aogcc.reporting@alaska.gov](mailto:aogcc.reporting@alaska.gov).

Please share this Guidance Bulletin with all appropriate members of your organizations.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> 20 AAC 25.035(e)(10)(C); 20 AAC 25.036(d)(4); 25.285(f)(2); 20 AAC 25.286(e)(1)

<sup>2</sup> 20 AAC 25.035(e)(11); 20 AAC 25.036(g); 20 AAC 25.285(f)(8); 20 AAC 25.286(e)(8)

<sup>3</sup> All used components of the BOPE (including rams; annular; choke/kill line valves; choke manifold valves) must be function pressure-tested.