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Test Witness Notification

Operators are instructed in various regulations, orders, and approvals to notify the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC or Commission) for the opportunity to witness tests, including blowout prevention equipment (BOPE) tests, safety valve system (SVS) tests, mechanical integrity tests (MIT) for injection wells, and other miscellaneous tests. The following guidance is provided regarding notifications of required tests.

Timing. The Commission requires at least 24 hours advance notice of each required test. For activities that have a remote location from the nearest Commission office, the Commission requests 48 hours advance notice for opportunity to witness a required test.

North Slope Operations. Notification to the Commission for upcoming tests (BOPE, SVS, MIT, etc.) of wells and activities located on the North Slope should be provided to the Commission’s North Slope Inspection pager:

AOGCC North Slope Pager: 907-659-3607

Rest of Alaska. Notification to the Commission for upcoming tests (BOPE, SVS, MIT, etc.) for wells and activities located in Alaska other than the North Slope should be provided during the Commission’s normal business hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday) and directed to the Commission’s Inspection Supervisor located in Anchorage. Phone or email notifications are acceptable:

AOGCC Inspection Supervisor Phone: 907-793-1236
AOGCC Inspection Supervisor Email: doa.aogcc.prudhoe.bay@alaska.gov

Any notifications that must be made after normal business hours should be directed to the North Slope Inspection office. The Commission expects these contacts will occur infrequently, limited to emergency situations.

Please share this Guidance Bulletin with all appropriate members of your organizations. Questions or discussion regarding this guidance bulletin should be directed to James Regg at (907) 793-1236.

Sincerely,

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