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Reporting BOPE Use to Prevent the Flow of Fluids from a Well

Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("Commission") regulations governing secondary well control equipment and procedures require an operator to report any instance of blowout prevention equipment (BOPE) use to prevent the flow of fluids from a well. This reporting requirement applies to drilling, completion and workover operations. The Commission provides the following guidance to standardize the type of information to be reported when BOPE is used to prevent the flow of fluids from a well.

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
Reason for BOPE Use
Actions Taken/To Be Taken (including the date used BOPE was tested)

This information should be sent electronically to doa.aogcc.prudhoe.bay@alaska.gov.

To ensure regulatory compliance, please share this Guidance Bulletin with all appropriate members of your organizations. Please direct questions or discussion to Senior Petroleum Engineer James Regg at (907)793-1236.

Sincerely,

Cathy P. Forster
Commissioner

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1 20 AAC 25.035(e)(11); 20 AAC 25.036(g); 20 AAC 25.285(f)(8); 20 AAC 25.286(e)(8)