

Alaska Risk Assessment (ARA) of Oil and Gas Infrastructure Status Report: March 2009

State Project Management

- The final negotiations between Shannon & Wilson and the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) have been completed for the Peer Review contract. NAS has made final committee selections. A meeting is scheduled to brief the committee on the project on April 14th in Washington DC.

Stakeholder Meetings

- No stakeholder meetings were held during the month of March

Emerald

- Emerald updated the draft Methodology report by addressing comments received by the SAOT members in February. The report was finalized for public review and posted on the project's public website.

Public Review Process

- Nuka Research & Planning conducted informal telephone surveys to gain an understanding of the public's expectation on the type of outreach for gathering public comments and input into the Methodology Report. The decision was to proceed with regional public meetings and a workshop in Anchorage. Nuka is developing a final plan for conducting the public review.

State Agency Oversight Team

- The State Agency Oversight Team met in Anchorage on March 18 primarily to review the project status, discuss the public review process for the draft methodology report and to resolve any issues raised by the project manager.

Website

- Private website was updated with posting of meeting agenda & minutes and the monthly status reports. Project website was update with postings of the, public review draft of the Methodology Report, monthly status report, and the meeting summaries.

Upcoming Milestones

- The draft Methodology Report was made available and posted on the Project website for public review in March.
- SAOT meeting scheduled for April 8th, in Anchorage from 1:30-3:30PM for the purpose of discussing the project status, and stakeholder outreach.
- ADEC and Emerald/ABS will meet with the NAS Peer Review Committee in Washington DC on April 14th.
- Week of May 4th - NAS Peer Review Committee to hold a meeting in Alaska.

- Week of May 11th- Regional Public meetings to be held in Kenai, Fairbanks and Valdez.