

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



Overview

The Alaska Risk Assessment has reached an important milestone. The National Academy of Science (NAS) has issued its Peer Review of the Proposed Methodology. The State Agency Oversight Team (SAOT) is reviewing the Peer Review and comments received from industry, the public and state and federal agencies. The next step is to weigh the different points of view and decide what revisions in the methodology are needed to provide the most useful product and enhance the State's ability to manage and oversee the oil and gas industry.

The Alaska Risk Assessment is a work in progress. Over the next few weeks the SAOT will be considering the conclusions and recommendations made by the NAS and determining the best way forward. Reliability of the oil and gas industry is critically important to the state. The SAOT and the ARA must take the time needed to give thorough consideration to the public and NAS comments. Following this review, changes or adjustments to the methodology will be made.

Stakeholder Meetings

- No stakeholder meetings were conducted during the month of September.

National Academy of Science Peer Review Committee & Report

- DEC Project Manager received the final version of the NAS Transportation Research Boards Peer Review Report associated with the proposed methodology. The report was posted on the project websites and distributed to State Agency Oversight Team (SAOT).

Public Meetings

- No public meetings were conducted during the month of September.

State Agency Oversight Team (SAOT)

- The State Agency Oversight met on October 21st to discuss the NAS/TRB report findings and strategized on options to move the project forward.

Website

- The Project websites were update with postings of the NAS peer review report and monthly status report.

Upcoming Milestones

- SAOT meeting scheduled for the morning of November 19th from 9:00 AM-noon in Anchorage