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The Alaska Risk Assessment of Oil & Gas Infrastructure begins series of public meetings

In May 2007 Governor Palin announced an initiative to evaluate Alaska's existing oil and gas infrastructure including the North Slope, TAPS and Cook Inlet. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), working in cooperation with the Petroleum Systems Integrity Office (PSIO), is leading the Alaska Risk Assessment of Oil & Gas Infrastructure Project (ARA) which will review and consider the physical components, systems or hazards of the infrastructure that supports the Alaska oil and gas industry. As part of this project, the State will be soliciting input from federal and state agencies, industry owners/operators and the public. ADEC is committed to engaging the public, listening to ideas and concerns which will be incorporated into designing the methodology used to conduct the Risk Assessment. This public participation effort began in September 2008. Meetings/workshops will be held in the following locations.

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

Anchorage: UAA Commons

Thursday, October 16, 2008

Valdez: Valdez Civic & Convention Center

Tuesday, October 22, 2008 (5-7 PM)

Barrow: North Slope Borough Assembly Chambers

All meetings will be held from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM (except Barrow as noted).

Consult the project website for additional information including the complete Regional Public Meeting Schedule and project status updates:

<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/ipp/ara/>

Comment forms can be submitted at the public meetings or directly from the project website. Comments should be received by November 4, 2008.