



Exploration License Application

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General Information and Instructions

The intent of the State of Alaska oil and gas exploration licensing program (AS 38.05.131-134) is to encourage exploration in areas far from existing infrastructure, with unknown hydrocarbon potential, and where there is a higher investment risk to the operator. The exploration licensing program does not apply to certain lands (already subject to areawide lease sales) in the North Slope and Cook Inlet regions as specified by AS 38.05.131(b).

The licensing process is initiated one of two ways:

- ✓ Each year during the month of April, applicants may use this form to submit to the commissioner a proposal to conduct exploratory activity within an area they have specified.
- ✓ The commissioner can, at any time, issue a notice requesting proposals to explore an area designated by the commissioner. Once a request for proposals has been issued, applicants will have 30 days to notify the commissioner of their intent to submit a proposal, and 60 days to submit the proposal using this form.

Within 30 days of receiving any proposal, the commissioner will either reject it in a written decision, or give public notice of the intent to evaluate the proposal's acceptability. The public notice will solicit public comments on the proposal(s) and request competing proposals. The commissioner may also modify any proposal and request a new one based on those modifications.

Please read all instructions carefully. Errors or omissions may result in delays.

- ✓ Regulations governing the exploration license program can be found in 11 AAC 82.903 – 11 AAC 82.990
- ✓ All applicants must be qualified with the Division prior to submittal of this application. See 11 AAC 82.200 – 11 AAC 82.205 for qualifications regulations.
- ✓ A contact person must be designated to receive all notice's on applicant's behalf.
- ✓ The proposed term may not be longer than 10 years.
- ✓ The application must be executed by an authorized signor of the applicant.
- ✓ This application and the additionally required information must be submitted as a complete package to the address above.
- ✓ There is no fee for this application.
- ✓ The recipient of a license must post a bond in the amount of the work commitment over the term of the exploration license.
- ✓ Contact DO&G at the number above if you have questions.

Additional Required Information

The following items are required with your application. Be sure to clearly number documents in accordance with how they are provided below:

1. Available information on surface topography, geologic, surface water, and other physical features, vegetative cover, and important habitat for fish, wildlife, and plants (including any endangered or threatened species listed under the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1531-1543).
2. Description of known cultural and historic resources listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and known archaeological features within the proposed exploration area.
3. Description of the methods to be used to conduct exploration, including land use, location of exploration activities, design of exploration wells, equipment, drilling methods, access methods and locations, and plans for temporary facilities.
4. Operation plan, scope and schedule of project, including dates for beginning and duration for each exploration phase and reclamation.
5. Plans for reclamation for the affected license area after completion of the operations or operation phases.
6. Names and addresses of all owners and lease holders of record of the surface land and the mineral estate in the area to be explored.
7. A 1:250,000 or greater map of the proposed area showing the boundary of the proposed exploration license.



EXPLORATION LICENSE APPLICATION

Applicant name:	
Mailing address:	
Telephone no.:	Email address:
Applicant Qualification Number:	
Type of exploration license applying for: oil and gas gas only	
List meridian, township(s), range(s), and section(s) subject to proposed exploration license:	
Propose the term of the license (cannot be longer than 10 years):	
Specify a work commitment for the total term of the proposed license in dollars of direct exploration expenditures:	
Describe the form and the dollar amount of security to be annually posted, based on the projected cost of the planned exploration work:	
As stated in AS 38.05.133(e), please check this box if you would like to keep information confidential as described in AS 38.05.035(a)(8). <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Confidential</p>	
Name of Designated Person:	
Designated Person's telephone no.:	Designated Person's e-mail address:

Applicant Signature

Date

Division Use Only:
Date Application Received