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# SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE

## NORTH SLOPE AREAWIDE 2003 BEAUFORT SEA AREAWIDE 2003 COMPETITIVE OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES

The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas, gave notice on July 29, 2003, under AS 38.05.945(a)(4), that it would offer lands for competitive leasing in North Slope Areawide 2003 (NSA 2003) and Beaufort Sea Areawide (BSA 2003) Oil and Gas Lease Sales. NSA 2003 and BSA 2003 will be held in Anchorage beginning 8:30 a.m., October 29, 2003, in the Loussac Public Library's Wilda Marston Theater, 3600 Denali Street.

#### Additional Tracts Deleted from NSA 2003

The Division of Oil and Gas has decided to delete Tracts 0925 & 0936, 0987, and 1199 from NSA 2003. In the announcement for NSA 2003 dated July 29<sup>th</sup>, the division gave notice that it might delete these tracts prior to bid opening. The various reasons for this action were explained in the original announcement. No bids will be accepted for any acreage within these tracts, as well as Tract 1146, which was deleted from NSA 2003 in the original announcement.

#### <u>Newly Available Acreage Included in NSA 2003</u>

NSA 2003 will include acreage within leases past their primary term that contracted out of units prior to the original NSA 2003 announcement and have expired before October 5, 2003 (Former leases ADL #s 375107, 380049 & 380050 in Tracts 937, 938 & 942).

### Revised Lease Forms for NSA 2003 and BSA 2003

Leases for State acreage for both NSA 2003 and BSA 2003 will be executed on Form DOG 200204 (rev. 10/2003). Leases on State/ASRC acreage will be executed on Form DOG 200204AS (rev. 10/2003). The lease forms have been revised to include an additional payment location for payments to the State of Alaska.

#### Revised Regional Tract Maps Available for NSA 2003 and BSA 2003

Revised Regional Tract Maps reflecting the additional tract deletions and newly available acreage are available on the division's website at <u>http://www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us</u>. Paper copies of these maps are available for \$25.00 each by contacting the division by mail at DO&G, 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 800, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, Attn: Suzanne Gaguzis; calling (907) 269-8803; or e-mail at <u>msg@dnr.state.ak.us</u>.

Only State-owned lands and lands jointly-owned by the State of Alaska (State) and Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC) that were available on August 5, 2003, or added in this Supplemental Notice, may be leased in NSA 2003 (note Tract Deletions above) and BSA 2003 (note Tract Deletions and Deferrals in the original announcement). Acreage becoming available after that date will be offered in North Slope Areawide 2004 and Beaufort Sea Areawide 2004, scheduled for October 2004.