



UNIT PLAN OF OPERATIONS GENERAL PERMIT



Guidance Document

Alaska Statute 38.05 and Alaska Oil and Gas Leasing Regulations 11 AAC 83

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The State of Alaska (State), Division of Oil and Gas (Division) issues General Permits for activities within an Oil and Gas Unit performed by the Unit Operator. Activities may be singular or in combination with other activities meeting the Activity Description, provided all activities are discrete and minimal in nature and not related components of a larger project for which a plan of operations amendment decision would be required. All activities must take place within the footprint of an existing improvement authorized by a Unit Plan of Operations (LONS, LOCI, LOAK). To be considered for operations under this approval, an applicant must submit, in writing, a request to utilize the General Permit for discrete activities within the scope of the General Permit.

Applications should be submitted at least 15 days before the anticipated start date. The Division will notify the company in writing if the proposed activities qualify under the General Permit within seven days of receiving the application. The Division will identify any activities that do not meet the requirements for approval under the General Permit and recommend the appropriate authorization.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

Work to be permitted under the scope of the General Permit may include high-volume minor improvements that support new installation, modification, replacement, or removal of authorized infrastructure, as well as routine maintenance necessary for ongoing operations.

Examples include:

On-pad trenching, excavation, erosion control, and replacement of existing culverts; gravel and equipment staging areas; installation of utility poles and anchors; electrical switches, power and fiber optic cables, trays, and junction boxes; vertical support members, thermosyphons, and elevated piping; envirovacs, office trailers, and conex containers; bull rails, guard rails, bollards, safety barriers and signage; firewater systems; stairs, covered and elevated walkways; well tie-in activities, valves, and associated piping; routine maintenance of offshore production facilities and platforms including installation of cranes, temporary drilling and testing equipment, instrumentation, heating and venting, pumps, containment and drainage, and safety equipment. Other infrastructure and support activities may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Examples of activities not included:

Abandonment, rehabilitation, remediation, or restoration activities; stationary skids and modules, tents, labs and buildings; installation or replacement of sub-marine piping or structures; activities occurring across multiple authorizations or locations; non-Unit activities not in direct support of existing Unit authorizations and infrastructure; off-pad activities.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use the General Permit Application Form and fees list found on the Division of Oil and Gas website: <https://dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Services/Applications>.
2. Answer all questions. Type or print "N/A" if an item is not applicable.
3. The application must be accompanied by the appropriate filing fees, made out to State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas. Applicants are encouraged to submit payments using our payment portal: <https://dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Payments>.
4. Email your completed application to the Division's Permitting Section: dog.permitting@alaska.gov.