



# THE PIPELINE

Keeping information flowing about oil and gas exploration and development in the Aleutians East Borough

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## WELCOME TO THE PIPELINE!

This is an exciting time in the Aleutians East Borough. With oil and gas exploration and development now a possibility, our communities could see an influx of jobs and cash. This has the potential to contribute greatly to renewed economic stability.

The Aleutians East Borough has created this informal electronic publication to help keep residents up-to-date about oil- and gas-related events in our region. We hope *The Pipeline* will help keep you aware and involved as the process moves forward. It is important to the Borough that residents' needs are met and rights are protected. Access to information is an important tool.

Please contact [ltanis@aeboro.org](mailto:ltanis@aeboro.org) if you have any questions or comments or would like to subscribe to this publication. You can get more information about oil and gas development on the Aleutians East Borough website at [www.aleutianseast.org](http://www.aleutianseast.org).

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## AEB Requests Your Support for 2010 – 2015 OCS Oil & Gas Leasing Program

The deadline to submit resolutions/letters of support for the **2010 – 2015** Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas leasing program in the North Aleutian Basin (NAB) is fast approaching. The Aleutians East Borough is requesting your assistance to help move the process forward. The AEB would also like to extend our thanks to several groups who submitted their resolutions and letters of support and provided a copy to the AEB. However, **it is critically important that all other municipalities, tribal groups, other organizations and individual residents submit their letters/resolutions of support.** The federal government will not allow the 2010 – 2015 OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program for the North Aleutian



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Basin to go forward without a tremendous show of support.



**Geologists believe the North Aleutian Basin is predominantly gas-prone.**

The oil and gas leasing program will help our region of Alaska diversify its economy and will help offset the high cost of fuel many fishing

families must endure. As the sample letters that are linked

below state, the North Aleutian Basin Leasing Program will benefit the local economy, provide good paying jobs, expand local infrastructure and contribute to national energy supply needs.

The Borough has submitted ten mitigation measures (including air and water pollution mitigation and fisheries protections) which the AEB has pressed the Minerals



**1,000 – 5,000 jobs in construction, 250 – 400 jobs during production and up to 3,500 support jobs could be created from oil and gas development in the NAB.**

Management Service to include in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). These mitigation measures can be found on the Borough's Web site. For more information, visit this link: [AEB's Proposed Mitigation Measures](#).

Your letters of support for the 2010 – 2015 OCS oil and gas leasing program for the NAB are crucial. Remember: You will be able to review the DEIS next summer to see what protections are in place. The opportunity to comment on the DEIS and further oil and gas development will occur at that time. However, **the Five-Year OCS Plan for 2010 – 2015 will likely not be approved if local**

**support is not strongly demonstrated to MMS.** If the plan doesn't move forward because of a lack of interest and support, we

will never be able to see what the Draft EIS would identify as risks and benefits. ***The deadline for resolutions/letters of support is Sept. 21, 2009.*** (See link to sample letters [below] to help get you started.) The Borough would appreciate a copy of your letter/resolution of support.



**AEB's proposed mitigation measures can be viewed on the Borough's Web site ([www.aleutianseast.org](http://www.aleutianseast.org)).**

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**[Link: 2010 - 2015 OCS Sample Letters of Support](#)**

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