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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF THE HOLITNA BASIN EXPLORATION LICENSE FINAL BEST INTEREST FINDING ON REMAND

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR), Division of Oil & Gas is notifying individuals and organizations that commented on the Holitna Basin Exploration License that the Holitna Basin Exploration License Final Finding of the Director on Remand is being issued on December 9, 2009.

The Holitna Basin Exploration License Final Finding of the Director that was issued on October 2, 2006 was remanded on March 19, 2008 to the ADNR by the Anchorage Superior Court for the Commissioner to re-examine the facts and conclusions in the finding. The Commissioner has found on remand that issuing a gas only exploration license to Holitna Energy Co., LLC is in the state's best interest.

The finding is available on DO&G's web-site at:

http://www.dog.dnr.state.ak.us/oil/programs/leasing/best_interest_findings/best_interest_findings.html.

It is available on CD and hard copy. Copies will also be available at the following locations: Aniak Public Library and Aniak High School Library in Aniak, George Willis School Library in Red Devil, Johnnie John Sr. School Library in Crooked Creek, Bethel Regional High School Library in Bethel, Gusty Michael School Library in Stony River, Jack Egnaty Sr. School Library in Sleetmute, and the Alaska State Library. If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, or you would like to request a CD or hard copy, contact Saree Timmons at 907-375-7751 (saree.timmons@alaska.gov).

This is a final administrative order and decision of the department for purposes of an appeal to the Superior Court. An appellant affected by this final order and decision, who submitted comments on the preliminary August 1, 2005 finding, may appeal to the Superior Court within 30 days in accordance with the rules of the court and to the extent permitted by applicable law.

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