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Long Process Officially Begins for Leasing of Coastal Plain

Department of Interior begins process to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

April 19, 2018 - Anchorage – The United States Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management has issued a draft notice of intent to be published on April 20, 2018 informing Americans that they will begin preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Coastal Plain leasing program in in the 1002 area of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). The government’s notice officially begins the public process for the leasing EIS and will include a 60-day public comment period and five scoping meetings to occur in Alaska; Anchorage, Arctic Village, Fairbanks, Kaktovik and Utqiagvik.

“The notice of intent signals the first step in a very long process to conduct two lease sales in the 1002 area of ANWR,” said Kara Moriarty, Alaska Oil and Gas Association (AOGA) president and CEO. “Alaskans have long supported leasing and responsible development in the coastal plain which was set aside for oil and gas development. We are encouraged that the Department of Interior wants to hear from Alaskans across the state about this important issue. AOGA looks forward to participating in this public process.”

AOGA is a professional trade association whose mission is to foster the long-term viability of the oil and gas industry in Alaska for the benefit of all Alaskans. More information about the organization can be found at www.aoga.org, on Facebook (AlaskaOilAndGas), or twitter (@AOGA).

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