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In Reply Refer To:

3160-AK NTL 2009-1 (AK-932)

Dear Alaska Oil and Gas Operators:

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) recently issued final Notice to Lessees/Operators (NTL), entitled: NTL 2009-1, Standards for the Use of Electronic Flow Computers Used On Differential Type Flow Meters for Gas Measurement.

This new NTL applies to all onshore Federal and Indian oil and gas leases within the jurisdiction of the BLM's Alaska State Office. The BLM requested and received several comments from industry on the draft version of this NTL. The BLM's responses to these comments may be viewed on our web site at: www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/prog/energy/oil_gas.html.

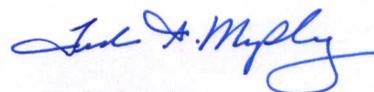
The NTL informs Federal and Indian Lessees/operators of the minimum standards and requirements for sales and allocation Electronic Flow Computers (EFCs) used on differential-type flow meters for gas measurement. EFCs that meet these standards and requirements are approved for use on all Federal and Indian oil and gas leases located within the jurisdiction of the Alaska State Office.

For the purpose of this NTL, a "*differential-type flow meter*" is a meter that determines flow rate as a function of a change in gas pressure caused by the meter geometry. Examples include orifice plate meters, venturi meters, and pitot tubes. An "*electronic flow computer*" includes the secondary device that electronically measures the differential pressure and other variables, and the tertiary device which makes flow rate calculations, and stores the data taken.

The requirements of this NTL supersede and replace all existing local NTLs and variances specifically addressing EFC installation and approval. This NTL does not alter the standards and requirements of Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 5, applicable variances, or other NTLs which only address the primary device. All EFCs already installed and operating prior to this notice shall be subject to all of the new provisions in the NTL, with the timeframes specified in the NTL.

Please contact Thomas Zelenka at (907) 267-1469 if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,



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