Shell Discoverer Air Permit - Chukchi Sea

Revised Draft Air Permit Proposed

Summary: EPA seeks public comment from July 6 to August 5 on revised draft Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Prevention of Significant Deterioration air permits for Shell Gulf of Mexico Inc. and Shell Offshore Inc. The revised draft permits will authorize air emissions from Shell's oil and gas exploration drilling in the Beaufort Sea and the Chukchi Sea. Shell will use the Discoverer driller and a support fleet for oil and gas exploration drilling beginning in 2012 on the Beaufort Sea OCS, within and beyond 25 miles of Alaska's seaward boundary and on the Chukchi Sea OCS, 25 miles beyond Alaska's seaward boundary, as authorized by the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and Regulatory Enforcement.

Public Comment Period: Send your written comments by August 5, 2011:
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Public Hearing: A public hearing will be held August 8, 2011 at the Inupiat Heritage Center in Barrow, Alaska. Teleconference is available at North Slope Borough Teleconference centers.
Information Meeting: 5pm-6:30pm
Public Hearing: 7pm-8pm
EPA will accept comments on the revised draft air permits for Shell Gulf of Mexico Inc. and Shell Offshore Inc. submitted during the public comment period and at the public hearing. Written and oral comments can be given at the public hearing in Barrow, Alaska. Comments outside of Barrow can be submitted online or by mail or email. Oral comments may be recorded on tape, disk, or digital audio and submitted by mail or email.
EPA issued final air permits to Shell in 2010. The Environmental Appeals Board remanded the 2010 permits to EPA Region 10 for further consideration. EPA is preparing revised draft air permits to address the remand.

What is the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) refer to federal augmented lands that lie seaward of the state's jurisdiction (generally three nautical miles from the shoreline).

Shells 2011 Revised Draft Air Permit Documents
- 2011 Shell Discoverer Chukchi Revised Draft Permit (PDF 1102, 62KB)
- 2011 Shell Discoverer Beaufort Revised Draft Permit (PDF 107, 75KB)
- Supplemental Statement of Basis for Shell Discoverer Chukchi and Beaufort Permits (PDF 824KB)
- 2011 Supplemental Application Documents for Shell Discoverer Chukchi and Beaufort Permits

More Documents
- 2011 Final Air Permit and Related Documents
- 2011 Proposed Air Permit
- 2010 Permit Application Materials
- EPA Responses to Initial 2010 Permit Applications
- 2010 Public Comments
- 2009 Proposed Air Permit
- 2009 Public Comments

Where to Review Hard Copy Documents

The permit record includes Shell's applications and supplemental application materials, the 2010 permits record, the 2011 revised draft permits and supplemental statement of bases, and all other materials relied on by EPA.

The permit record is available for review at EPA Region 10, 1200 6th Ave, Seattle, Washington, 9am-5pm Monday-Friday (206-553-1200).

The 2011 permits, supplemental statement of basis, and supplemental application materials will also be available at these locations in Alaska:
EPA, Federal Building, 222 West 7th Ave, Anchorage (907-274-6083); Barrow City Office, 200 Milkweed Street, Barrow (907-324-5857): Nome City Office, 2202 2nd Avenue, Nome (907-443-3651); Bethel City Office, 1112 Main Street, Bethel (907-896-6900); Kotlik School Library, 1803 School, Kotlik (907-742-3420); Kivalina City Office, 1111 Main Street, Kivalina (907-742-3200); Bethel City Office, 2100 Main Street, Bethel (907-896-3011); Nome City Office, 2202 2nd Avenue, Nome (907-443-3651); Nome City Office, 2202 2nd Avenue, Nome (907-443-3651); Nome City Office, 2202 2nd Avenue, Nome (907-443-3651); Nome City Office, 2202 2nd Avenue, Nome (907-443-3651).