



Resource Exploration and Development Expert Group (REDEG) pre-meeting

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A Thorough Update of the Arctic Offshore Oil and Gas Regulatory Resource (AOGRR)

I. Project Title and Project Summary

A Thorough Update of the Arctic Offshore Oil and Gas Regulatory Resource (AOGRR)

The Arctic Offshore Oil and Gas Regulatory Resource (AOGRR) was initiated in 2013 and updated in 2014. It is a one “stop shop” web resource of web sites of all Arctic Regulatory agencies/departments that have responsibilities for offshore oil and gas activities

<http://www.pame.is/index.php/projects/offshore-oil-and-gas/mre>.

The AOGRR provides easily and updatable web-based information and data (for e.g. documents, websites, relevant fora, networks, etc.). The AOGRR facilitates the sharing of current information on best practices from different Arctic countries and allows better communication in the management, regulation and enforcement of Arctic offshore oil and gas operations, while allowing all stakeholders easy access to this information.

The AOGRR serves as an outreach tool for Arctic Council and is useful to countries, Working Groups, Permanent Participants, observers, researchers, and other stakeholders. It demonstrates, and profiles Arctic States’ stewardship related to offshore oil and gas activities and provides up-to-date information about the activities and regulatory regimes across the Arctic.

These web sites have all changed and they need to be updated in the AOGRR.

II. Key Objective(s)

Recommendation 13 of the OGA, which calls for the Arctic Council to compile national regulatory laws, standards, guidelines, and procedures for oil and gas activities in force in the Arctic countries.

Strategic Actions form AMSP 2015-2025

7.1 Improve and Expand the Knowledge-base; 7.1.1 and 7.1.7

7.3 Promote Safe and Sustainable Marine Resource Use; 7.3.12 and 7.3.13

III. Scope

This project will list and link to the websites of offshore regulators.

Structure of the Webpage Resources:

1) Country Agencies

2) Country Laws, Regulations, Notices, Rules, and Guidance and Management system documents

3) Science and Technical Reports

- 4) Strategic Environmental Assessments
- 5) Monitoring methods and results
- 6) Inspection/enforcement procedures and results
- 7) Accident and incident reporting
- 8) Statistics for discharge types and amounts, waste handling, etc.

IV. Main Components and Implementation

List of Tasks/Activities:

A team of volunteers will:

1. Check the current AOGRR for broken or out of date links.
2. Add any new web sites or links.

Timeline and Major Milestones:

1. PAME I 2021 Draft AOGRR
2. PAME II 2021 Finalize

Budget:

In kind

V. Main outcomes

An updated “one stop shop” for offshore regulatory web sites.

VI. Project Team Structure/Lead Countries

Include names, titles and contact information.