



American Association of Petroleum Geologists Statements

National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Access

Issue: Access to the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A), one of the most prospective areas of the country, for petroleum exploration and development is important to the Nation's future.

Background: In more than 30 years of modern era exploration and commercial production from the North Slope of Alaska, the petroleum industry has demonstrated its ability to protect the environment while producing a very significant part, sometimes exceeding 25 percent of the nation's daily production.

Statement: AAPG not only supports the full leasing of the NPR-A area, including the coastal plain, but supports regulations and stipulations which allow for timely, economic, and environmentally sound exploration and development activities in the area.

As a professional, scientific association, AAPG is a credible source of information of interest to a wide spectrum of individuals. AAPG has a proud history of providing information to decision-makers and the public on matters concerning the science and profession of petroleum exploration.

In this role, AAPG has given testimony before the U.S. Congress, provided information to lawmakers on a national, state and local level, and has adopted statements that the association believes are of importance.

The following are the statements that are currently in effect. These were revised or added in June 2007 and will be reviewed periodically. They can also be accessed at: <http://dpa.aapg.org/gac/index.cfm>