



## American Association of Petroleum Geologists Statements

# Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Access

**Issue:** Allowing petroleum exploration and development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) coastal plain, one of the most prospective areas of the country, is a subject of intense debate. Bolstering domestic energy production in an environmentally responsible way is the major issue..

**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 significant part of the nation's daily oil production. These same best practices would be used in exploration and production from ANWR.

**Statement:** AAPG supports access to the 1.5-million-acre coastal plain of the 19-million-acre ANWR for petroleum exploration and development.

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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>