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Liz Clark Senate Secretary Alaska State Legislature State Capitol, Room 211 Juneau, AK 99801-1182 Crys Jones Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives Alaska State Legislature Thomas Stewart, Room 202 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Secretary Clark and Chief Clerk Jones:

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Oil and Gas (DO&G) is pleased to provide the 2024 Annual Report on the Carbon Storage Licensing and Leasing Program (Carbon Storage Program).

Alaska Statute (AS) 38.05.735 provides "The commissioner shall prepare an annual report that includes an accounting of the carbon storage closure trust fund established under AS 37.14.850 and information on carbon storage licensing applications and decisions and the issuance of carbon storage leases. The commissioner shall submit the report to the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of representatives on or before February 1 of each year and notify the legislature that the report is available." This letter fulfills that statutory requirement.

Carbon Storage Closure Trust Fund

In 2024, House Bill 50 (SCS CSHB 50(FIN) am S, signed by the Governor July 31, 2024, amended AS 37.14 and added AS 37.14.850 establishing the carbon storage closure fund, which provides for future appropriations from the principal and earnings of the fund for the purpose of protecting the public interest in maintaining and closing carbon storage facilities in the state. The carbon storage closure fund consists of payments received under AS 41.06.175 and earnings on the fund. There are currently no carbon storage facilities authorized, and no payments were received in 2024 for deposit into the carbon storage closure fund.

Carbon Storage Licensing Applications and Issuance of Carbon Storage Leases

House Bill 50 (SCS CSHB 50(FIN) am S further amended AS 38.05 and added AS 38.05.700 – AS 38.05.795 to create a new carbon storage exploration license and leasing program. The DO&G worked expeditiously to establish the regulatory framework to manage this program and

is pleased to report the final regulations were filed with the Lieutenant Governor on January 17, 2025. The following timeline summarizes the key milestones along this public processes.

- June 21, 2024 Scoping notice published to gather public input on regulations
- July 23, 2024 Comment period closed; four comments received
- July 31, 2024 HB 50 signed by Governor Dunleavy
- October 23, 2024 Public notice of draft regulations published
- December 2, 2024 Public comment period closed; 21 comments received
- January 17, 2025 Revised regulations transmitted to Lieutenant Governor
- February 16, 2025 Regulations for carbon storage on state lands take effect.

The DO&G is prepared to receive carbon storage license applications when the regulations take effect on February 16, 2025. A carbon storage page is available on the DO&G website at https://dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Information/CarbonStorage, and will continue to be updated with resources for the public and potential applicants. For the purposes of the 2024 reporting period, there were no new applications submitted for carbon storage exploration licenses or carbon storage leases issued.

Please contact Rena Miller, acting legislative liaison, with questions or for more information. She may be reached at rena.miller@alaska.gov or (907)317-6887. Thank you for your continued interest in the carbon storage exploration licensing and leasing program.

Sincerely,

Derek Nottingham

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Director



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