

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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SENATE BILL NO. 549

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to disclosure of geologic and other
subsurface data."

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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* Section 1. AS 31.05.030(d)(2) is amended to read:

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(2) the making and filing of reports, well logs, drilling

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logs, electric logs, lithologic logs, directional surveys, and all

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other subsurface information on a well drilled for oil or gas, or for

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the discovery of oil or gas, or for geologic information [, AND THE RE-

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QUIRED REPORTS AND INFORMATION SHALL BE FILED WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE

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COMPLETION, ABANDONMENT, OR SUSPENSION OF THE WELL, AND REQUIRED REPORTS

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AND INFORMATION MARKED "CONFIDENTIAL" SHALL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL FOR

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24 MONTHS AFTER THE 30-DAY FILING PERIOD, UNLESS THE OWNER GIVES WRITTEN

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PERMISSION TO RELEASE THE REPORTS, LOGS, OR OTHER INFORMATION AT AN

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EARLIER DATE];

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* Sec. 2. AS 31.05 is amended by the addition of a new section to read:

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Sec. 31.05.035. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS. (a) For all wells for which

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a permit to drill has been issued by the department since January 3,

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1959, the department may require:

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(1) the making and filing of reports, well logs, drilling

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logs, electric logs, lithologic logs, directional surveys, and all other

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subsurface information on a well drilled for oil or gas, or for the

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discovery of oil or gas, or for geologic information; and

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(2) the filing of all logs, except experimental logs and

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dipmeter surveys, run on a well and not required by (1) of this subsection;

1 (3) reports and information required under (1) and (2) of
2 this subsection shall be filed within 30 days after the completion,
3 abandonment, or suspension of a well.

4 (b) The reports and information marked confidential shall be kept
5 confidential for 24 months following the 30-day filing period unless
6 the owner of the well gives written permission to release the reports
7 and information at an earlier date. Well location, depth, status and
8 production data and any reports required by the department to be filed
9 subsequent to the 30-day filing period shall be considered public
10 information and shall not be classified confidential.
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