

HOUSE BILL NO. 557

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON OIL AND GAS

Introduced: 2/26/92

Referred: House Special Committee on Oil and Gas, Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the regulation and conservation of natural gas and liquefied natural
2 gas, and to the status of exploration and production facilities for purposes of oil and
3 hazardous substance pollution control."

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

5 * Section 1. AS 46.04.050 is amended to read:

6 Sec. 46.04.050. EXEMPTIONS. The provisions of AS 46.04.030, 46.04.040, and
7 46.04.060 do not apply to

8 (1) a natural gas production facility; for purposes of this paragraph, "natural
9 gas production facility" means a platform or structure, the principal purpose of which is
10 the production or development of deposits of natural gas; or

11 (2) an oil terminal facility that has an effective storage capacity of less than 5,000
12 barrels of crude oil or less than 10,000 barrels of noncrude oil.

13 * Sec. 2. AS 46.04.900(8) is amended to read:

14 (8) "exploration facility"

1 (A) means a platform, vessel, or other facility used to explore for oil,
2 natural gas, and other hydrocarbons in or on the waters of the state or in or on land in
3 the state;

4 (B) [THE TERM] does not include platforms or vessels used for
5 stratigraphic drilling or other operations that are not authorized or intended to drill to a
6 producing formation;

7 * Sec. 3. AS 46.04.900(9) is amended to read:

8 (9) "oil"

9 (A) means oil of any kind and in any form, whether crude, refined, or a
10 petroleum by-product, including [BUT NOT LIMITED TO] petroleum, fuel oil, gasoline,
11 lubricating oils, oily sludge, oil refuse, oil mixed with other wastes, crude oils,
12 [LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS, PROPANE, BUTANE,] or other liquid hydrocarbons
13 regardless of specific gravity;

14 (B) does not include

15 (i) natural gas; or

16 (ii) liquefied natural gas or other form of natural gas that has
17 been converted to a liquid state by pressure and cooling that at 70 degrees
18 Fahrenheit and atmospheric pressure reverts to a gaseous state;

19 * Sec. 4. AS 46.04.900(15) is amended to read:

20 (15) "production facility" means a drilling rig, drill site, flow station, gathering
21 center, pump station, storage tank, well, and related appurtenances on other facilities to produce,
22 gather, clean, dehydrate, condition, or store crude oil and associated liquid hydrocarbons in or
23 on the water of the state or on land in the state, and gathering and flow lines used to transport
24 crude oil and associated liquid hydrocarbons to the inlet of an oil [A] pipeline system for
25 delivery to a marine facility, refinery, or other production facility.

26 * Sec. 5. AS 46.04.900 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

27 (22) "natural gas" means a hydrocarbon that at 70 degrees Fahrenheit and
28 atmospheric pressure is in a gaseous state.