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## **Tom Stokes named director of Alaska's Division of Oil & Gas**

**(Anchorage, AK)** – Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Corri A. Feige confirmed her appointment of Tom Stokes as director of the Division of Oil & Gas on Tuesday, following two months in which he served as acting director.

As director, Stokes will continue to supervise exploration licensing, lease sales, unit management, permitting, royalty accounting, royalty audit, resource evaluation, commercial activities, and the State Pipeline Coordinator's Section. His division employs approximately 99 people.

Before stepping into the director's role, Stokes served the department as the State Pipeline Coordinator. He had previously worked 28 years at Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. in support, compliance, and operational assignments, including director of the Valdez Marine Terminal, and director of compliance.

"Tom brings an impressive combination of oil and gas industry and management experience that will serve the division and department well," said Feige. "He's stepping into busy and exciting times at the Division of Oil & Gas, and we look forward to continuing to support him and the dedicated and talented work force that makes this division such a tremendous asset to the state."

The Division of Oil & Gas manages state lands for oil, gas, and geothermal exploration and development in a fair and transparent manner to maximize prudent use of resources for the greatest benefit of all Alaskans, and facilitates safe and environmentally conscious operation and maintenance of common carrier pipelines.

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