



Energy, Mines and Resources  
Oil and Gas Resources

**Draft YOGA Amendments  
Consultation Process  
Meeting with Yukon Conservation Society (YCS)  
Prepared by: Oil & Gas Resources  
Notes from Meeting - September 01, 2009**

Attendees: Anne Middler, Yukon Conservation Society  
Lewis Rifkind, Yukon Conservation Society  
Ron Sumanik, Manager, Business Development, Oil & Gas Resources  
Debra Wortley, Manager, Rights & Royalties, Oil & Gas Resources

Summary of Discussion:

**Action Items:**

1. **Ron** will seek clarification on feeder line jurisdiction and processing plants, in addition to if the product came into the same plant and then off the line to go another user in the Yukon, what regulating authority would it fall under.
2. **Ron** will provide further explanation on the overlap in definitions in the Act of Pipeline line verses Oil and Gas Facility.

Yukon Conservation Society:

- Asked that amendments to the Act include:
  - a) A green house gas clause, as well as some type of monitoring process.
  - b) A section to exclude Coal Bed Methane from the Act (separate legislation is needed)
  - c) Clarification on definitions of pipelines

YCS Main Concerns:

- Section 13 – YCS stated they did not support the withdrawal of this section. If the consent clause is withdrawn YCS is concerned that there are no land use plans or other environmental / ecosystem protection in southeast Yukon.
- Section 66 – YCS viewed this as a downgrade of the legislation, as it allows Yukon government to issue a stop of work order, rather than suspending of the license. OGR provided clarification that the Chief Operations Officer still maintains the ability to oversee activities, issue stop orders to suspend activities and to issue fines. Section 66 provides assurances for Yukon that companies have the financial resources in place to undertake licences activities.
- Section 50 – YCS requested clarification on the meaning of continuing liability following a transfer. OGR indicated that this section reinforces the existing liability obligation of companies following a transfer of rights in a disposition.
- YCS expressed concerns regarding the statement in the Act referring to pipeline definition, specifically, “ pipeline located in the Yukon for the purpose of transportation of oil and gas, any product containing oil and gas or any other substance intending to be used or purpose related to oil and gas activity”. YCS raised the concern could this mean transportation of water and the transportation of “bulk water.” OGR explained that an oil and gas pipeline would not be licensed to transport water across Yukon’s boarder or for any use other than an oil and gas activity. One likely scenario is the transport of water from processing of oil or gas to a water disposal well.
- Section 67 –YCS identified concerns regarding repealing the section requiring a CEAA screening. OGR clarified that federal environmental assessment provisions in section 67 had been replaced

with by the Yukon Environmental Scio-Economic Assessment Act and therefore this section was now redundant.

- Section 69/70 – YCS did not see access to private land as a concern at this time, but may it be a concern if industry becomes interested in the Whitehorse Trough (where private land exists) in the future. YCS expressed concern that wording in this section needed to be tighter to avoid a confrontational situation with landowners and suggested these sections should not be changed until regulations were put in place.

Next steps in consultation process: Consultation period ends on September 14.

1. OGR to reply to action items
2. All submissions (including these minutes) to be posted on the OGR's website.
3. OGR to use all submissions to inform the final draft of the *Oil and Gas Act* amendments as well as briefings to the Minister and Cabinet.