

Oil opinion pleases Gov. Hammond

(The following is a statement made by Governor Jay Hammond concerning FEA royalty oil opinion)

"I am very pleased to report that this morning we received the long awaited opinion from the Federal Energy Administration reaffirming our right to take Prudhoe Bay royalty oil in-kind at any time before or after the pipeline begins carrying oil.

The FEA stated that our obtaining of letters from the producers, as we have done, allows us to take our oil in-kind in the future even though we initially take the oil in value.