



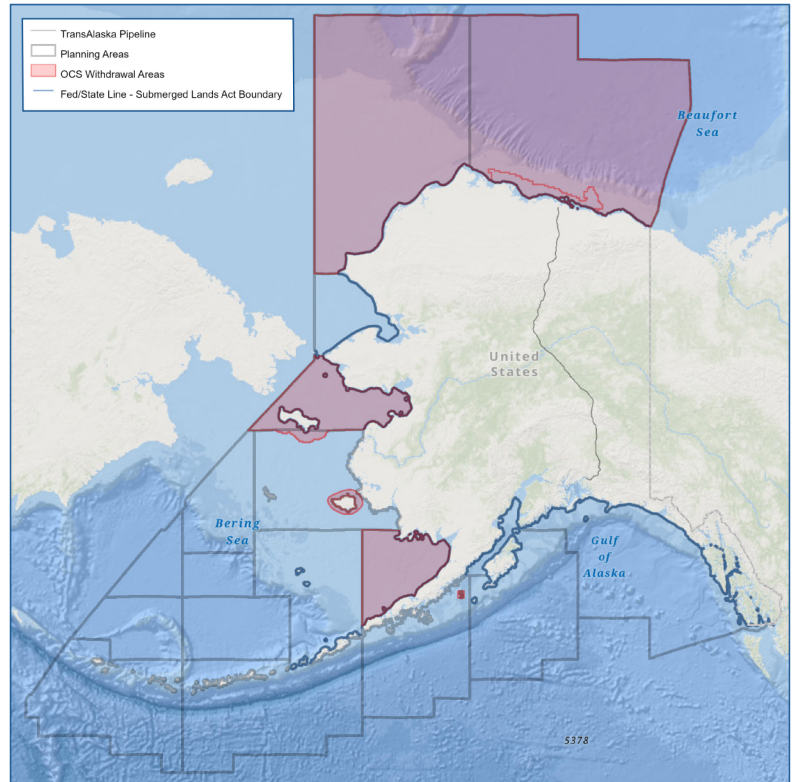
OVERVIEW

BSEE Alaska Region oversees more than one billion acres on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and more than 6,000 miles of coastline - more coastline than in the rest of the United States combined.

The region encompasses the Arctic Ocean, the Bering Sea and the northern Pacific Ocean. The primary interests for OCS development activities are currently in the Arctic Ocean's Beaufort Sea and Cook Inlet, off Southcentral Alaska. Since 1980, there have been 36 wells drilled in the federal waters of the Beaufort Sea offshore Alaska, including as recently as 2015.

BSEE Alaska Region responsibilities often overlap with the responsibilities and regulations of other federal and state agencies. The bureau works closely with these partners to ensure we approach this shared regulatory space in a collaborative, efficient, and consistent manner.

Committed to maintaining open and transparent communications, the Alaska Region regularly engages Alaska's Native organizations, Tribal Governments, and communities, keeping them apprised of general offshore activities, and facilitating communication with BSEE senior leaders. These important conversations emphasize trust, respect, and shared responsibility as part of a deliberative process to promote effective collaboration and informed decision-making.



BSEE Core Values

Collaborative

Achieving the best outcome through inclusivity, open-mindedness, & commitment to working together.



Dynamic

Empowering our workforce to respond to current & future challenges through innovation, agility, & adaptability.

Stewardship

Serving people & planet with integrity & transparency through the responsible management of resources.

ORGANIZATION

The Alaska Region office, located in Anchorage, Alaska, is organized into a regional directorate and field operations program office, which includes engineers and inspectors.

In addition to Alaska Region's Office of Field Operations staff, personnel from BSEE's Oil Spill Preparedness Division, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs, Office of Public Affairs, Information Technology, and Human Resources are actively engaged and committed to ensuring safe and environmentally responsible offshore oil and gas development.

As federal regulators, BSEE personnel ensure safe and environmentally responsible operations by enforcing operator compliance with regulations, conducting inspections and exercises, overseeing safety and environmental performance programs, and validating the tactics, logistics, resource availability, and personnel proficiency requirements identified in approved plans and permits.

OFFSHORE ACTIVITIES

BSEE Alaska Region currently oversees, in coordination with state regulators, production activities at the Northstar Unit.

The Northstar Unit development area spans the State of Alaska and federal waters; the federal percentage of Northstar production varies between 15 and nearly 18 percent, allocated across three participating areas. Northstar production began in November 2001.

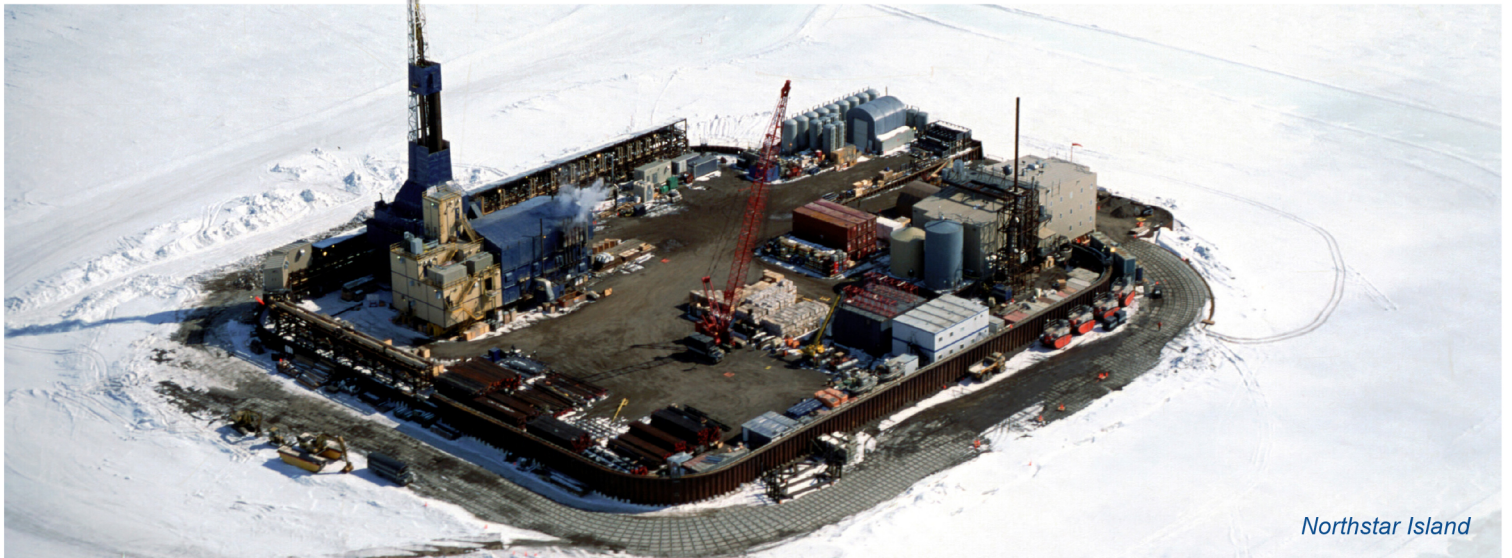
Oil and gas are processed on site at Northstar Island; the gas is re-injected, and sales-grade oil is transported onshore by a pipeline that is buried 7 to 11 feet below the seafloor to avoid ice impacts.

Northstar Island is a five-acre, man-made island located in the state waters of the Beaufort Sea, 12 miles northwest of Prudhoe Bay and six miles offshore. It is owned and operated by the privately-held corporation Hilcorp Alaska, LLC. Northstar currently produces 8,000 barrels of oil per day.

Hilcorp also owns 7 OCS leases covering roughly 39,853 acres purchased in Cook Inlet OCS Lease Sale 244. The June 2017 sale was the first of its kind held in Alaska's federal waters since 2008 - garnering more than three million in bids, all submitted by Hilcorp Alaska, LLC.

An eighth lease, purchased by Hilcorp in OCS Lease Sale 258 in December 2022, is currently suspended by order of the Alaska District Court pending further environmental analysis.

Hilcorp completed permitted seismic data collection activities across an area including their OCS leases in 2019 and anticipates requiring additional seismic data collection, processing, and interpretation prior to sanctioning exploration drilling and development. Hilcorp has indicated no drilling activity is anticipated in Cook Inlet OCS until the directed suspension of their Lease Sale 258 lease is resolved.



Northstar Island

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, established in 2011, is a U.S. Department of the Interior agency. BSEE promotes worker safety, environmental protection and conservation of resources through regulatory oversight and enforcement of offshore energy industry on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf.