



REDEG Pre-Meeting Agenda 7.2: Annotation

Status of Offshore Oil and Gas Activities and Regulatory Frameworks in the Arctic

It is of interest to PAME to better understand the status of oil and gas activities and regulatory frameworks in the Arctic. The last assessment of offshore oil and gas activities and regulatory frameworks was contained in the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program Working Group of the Arctic Council's 2010 Assessment, *Oil and Gas Activities in the Arctic – Effects and Potential Effects* (2010 OGA).

In an effort to understand the status of current or planned offshore oil and gas activities, as well as changes to relevant legislation, regulations, and policies over the last several years, information was sought from Arctic States. Using a survey template, States were requested to provide a short description of activities currently underway or being planned. In addition, States were requested to describe any amendments to existing legislation or regulations or the establishment of new legislation or regulations, as well as policies, practices, and organizational structures, instituted after the 2010 OGA.

The survey was answered by Iceland, Greenland/Kingdom of Denmark, Canada, Norway, and the United States. The information for the Faroe Islands/Kingdom of Denmark and Russian Federation were constructed from public data.

Norway, the United States and the Russian Federation are the countries with active offshore activities.

All of the maritime nations of the Arctic have some new laws and regulations governing offshore oil and gas activities since 2010.

A compilation of the survey information is provided in the Survey White Paper.

Action:

The goal is to discuss the adequacy of the data gleaned from public sources and submission to the Secretariat for finalizing layout, design and graphics / photos.