



## RESOLUTION 25.053

### **Urging the Department of the Interior to Withdraw the Final Rule Titled “Management and Protection of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska” and Manage the Reserve in Accordance with the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976, As Amended**

**WHEREAS**, in 1923, President Warren G. Harding issued an Executive Order establishing Naval Petroleum Reserve No. 4 (NPR-A) within the North Slope region of Alaska to provide a potential supply of oil for the United States Navy; and

**WHEREAS**, the NPR-A is 23 million acres and located within the North Slope region of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress later adopted the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976, and then amended it in 1980 in response to concerns about domestic energy supply, directing the Secretary of the Interior to implement an oil and gas leasing program in the NPR-A; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress adopted a leasing program in the NPR-A, to expeditiously foster oil and gas production in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Integrated Activity Plan (IAP) for the NPR-A was developed over years with extensive public involvement and it achieved a workable balance that provided for energy production and conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 19, 2024, BLM published the final rule titled the “Management and Protection of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska” (NPR-A final rule), which did not adopt a balanced approach as reflected in the governing law adopted by Congress in the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976, as amended; which adds new permitting requirements and restricts future permit approval for oil production infrastructure, including on existing leases; and which impacts the viability of future NPR-A development; and

**WHEREAS**, the NPR-A final rule fundamentally changes the priorities, substantive standards, and processes for management and administration of the NPR-A that were established by Congress, including an implied policy against development in a large portion of the NPR-A, some areas of which have already been leased for oil and gas development.



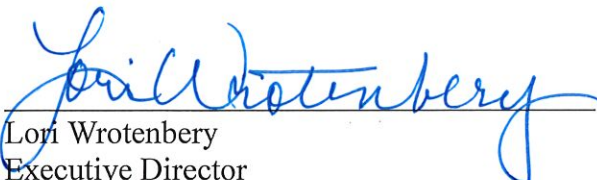
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** IOGCC calls upon the Department of the Interior to withdraw the NPR-A final rule “Management and Protection of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska.”

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Commission on May 21, 2025.

Voting yes: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

Abstaining and therefore considered not present: Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, New York, and Pennsylvania.



  
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