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## A Monthly Newsletter About: The Goings-on at the Alaska GMC

### *productive capacity*

**T**he Evergreen Resources (Alaska) Corporation coal-bed methane rescue effort continues. GMC staff has successfully moved more than 40 boxes of critical coal-bearing intervals from the five coal-bed methane cores in need of immediate curation out of their shipping container and into the main warehouse without incident. Several tarps were laid down and the boxes were lifted on top of the main shelving units, opened, and allowed to dry. In many cases, the boxes were so badly corroded that a thin metal sheet had to be wedged under each box in order to move them. Nine of Kashwitna Lake #1 boxes could not be moved. As a result, those intervals will be reboxed in-situ in the conex in late spring.

### *unitization*

John Larson (MMS) continues to visit the GMC to document and perform a detailed inventory of a previously undocumented MMS palynology, kerogen, and foram slide collection. The Curator would like to thank John for his dedication and effort to improve the accuracy of the GMC's inventory.

Kenneth Papp and intern Joseph Skutca represented the GMC at the 2010 University of Alaska, Anchorage Geoscience Career Fair held in the UAA Conoco Phillips Integrated Science Building on February 19. Kathy Sheehan-Dugan acquired the booth and was present to represent the Alaska Department of Natural Resources.

### *probable reserves*

GMC interns Joseph Skutca and Kjol Johnson have obtained box-level details and performed quality control on 50% of the existing MMS oil and gas collection inventory. A test version of the GMC's material inventory in Google Earth format has been distributed to a small number of users in hopes of obtaining helpful feedback. Formal documentation for the inventory will also be included.



Results of reboxing Kashwitna Lake #1 (800'-810').

### *development well*

The Curator will be giving an oral presentation at the 2010 Alaska Geological Society Meeting in Anchorage on Friday, April 16, entitled "The Alaska Geologic Materials Center is Going Digital." The talk will focus on proactive changes being made at the GMC to ensure better material preservation and providing inventory details to users in usable, digital formats.



### *Processed Oil & Gas Well Materials*

No processed oil and gas well material was received during the month of February.



### *AOGCC Materials Received*

No material was received from the AOGCC during the month of February.



### *Shipments Received*

- ✓ CALISTA CORP. 2 bags surface samples (Wenz, 2003), 2 boxes pulps (Wenz, 2003 and Foley, 2008 analyses), 7 boxes Nyac surface samples (1998-2007)



### *Data Reports*

No data reports were generated during the month of February.



### *Donations*

No donations were received during the month of February.



### *Visits*

There have been **15 visits** to the GMC *since 31 Jan 2010*, including representation from:

- ✓ Aeon Biostratigraphic Services (Anchorage)
- ✓ Calista Corp.
- ✓ IRF Group, Inc. (Anchorage)
- ✓ United States Geological Survey
- ✓ U.S. Minerals Management Service (MMS, Anchorage)
- ✓ and the general public

