

# U.S.A. - CANADA



## **2012 U.S. – Canada Northern Oil and Gas Research Forum November 13 – 15, 2012, in Anchorage, Alaska**

The Northern Oil and Gas Research Forum is a biannual event with representation from government, industry, academia, Aboriginal groups, and northerners from both Canada and the United States. The forum provides an opportunity for United States and Canadian decision makers, regulators, Aboriginals, industry members, non-governmental organizations and scientists to discuss current scientific research and future directions for northern oil and gas activities. The focus is on technical, scientific, and engineering research that can be applied to support management and regulatory processes related to oil and gas exploration and development in the North. The North Slope Science Initiative and the U.S. Department of the Interior is hosting, in partnership with our counterparts in Canada and the United States, the third **United States – Canada Northern Oil and Gas Research Forum** from November 13 to 15, 2012 at the Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska. The Forum will showcase the value of Northern scientific research in support of sound decision-making for oil and gas management.

The Forum will include presentations and panel discussions on:

- Research challenges to support decision-making for safe and sustainable Northern oil and gas management
- Scaling ecosystem information for decision making
- Working safely while protecting the environment
- Incorporating traditional and local knowledge when formulating research priorities and programs for decision-making
- Responding effectively when things go wrong
- Developing data and information sharing: Using existing data hubs to increase data sharing, and assessing the needs of communities, researchers, managers
- Scenario planning and forecasting for future resource development, mapping of potential activities

And technical talks on the following topics:

- Biophysical Environment
- Arctic Operations and Drilling Safety
- Ice and Ocean
- Traditional Knowledge, Sociocultural, and Socioeconomic Information
- Oil Spill Prevention and Response
- Data and Information Sharing

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To register for the Forum visit: <https://www.csoconferences.org/ei/cm.esp?id=7&pageid=3KP0JXCG8>

To submit an abstract visit (September 17 deadline):

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## Previous Forums:

### 2010 Canada - U.S. Research Forum

The Northern Oil and Gas Branch, on behalf of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, organized and hosted second Research Forum in partnership with a number of government, Aboriginal, academic, non-governmental and industry organizations from both Canada and the United States.

The Forum featured multidisciplinary research under the following topic areas: Environmental conditions in exploration areas, Interaction of oil and gas activities with sensitive coastal habitats, Ice engineering for offshore operations, Oil spill prevention in the Arctic, Oil spill management in the Arctic, Monitoring for cumulative effects in the Arctic, Safety on northern offshore platforms and EER issues, Transportation logistics for exploration and development in the Arctic. The Forum was successful in bringing together a breadth of oil and gas expertise to share knowledge for better oil and gas management. Two hundred and forty participants attended the Forum in Calgary, Alberta. A total of 70 panel and scientific and technical talks and 26 posters were presented on research pertaining to the above noted topical areas.

Products from the Forum can be found online at: <http://www.arcus.org/meetings/2010/northern-oil-and-gas-research-forum/products-and-resources>

### 2008 U.S. - Canada Research Forum

The first Research Forum took place in October 2008 in Anchorage, Alaska. Over 300 participants from government, industry, academia, non-governmental organizations and Aboriginal groups attended. The three-day event featured opening remarks from top administrators in the US and Canada, separate overviews of US and Canadian northern oil and gas activities and research programs, as well as panel discussions on management and industry research needs and priorities from both sides of the border. An additional 40 technical research papers and 25 posters were presented on topics ranging from engineering, oil spills, socio-cultural and economic issues, and the biological and physical sciences as they relate to oil and gas research.

Access the [Proceedings from the 2008 Forum](#) (54.7 Mb available in PDF format only).

