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# Cook Inlet Natural Gas Crisis, Fact or Fiction?

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ratural gas has been plentifully available at a consistently low cost. During exploration for oil in the Cook Inlet basin beginning in the 1950's, numerous large natural gas deposits were discovered which resulted in a long-lived gas surplus for the area. This abundant energy resource base has spurred steady industrial, commercial & residential development in the Anchorage Bowl, where end-users have enjoyed some of the lowest natural gas prices in the US.

However, recent news reports and public communications have indicated that the future outlook for natural gas in Cook Inlet may be uncertain. Divergent opinions on the Southcentral Alaska natural gas supply-demand outlook by producers, utilities and government agencies have resulted in often-times conflicting and contradictory statements about the local natural gas supply forecast for the next decade.

This presentation will provide an overview of the historic Cook Inlet supply-demand situation and will provide the objective data on the gas supply outlook for the next 10-15 years which will allow you to form your own fact-based conclusions.

## About the Author:

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#### Alaska Geological Society Luncheon

Date & Time: Thursday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Program: Cook Inlet Gas Crisis, Fact or

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Speaker: Steve Wright, Chevron NA E&P

Place: BP Energy Center

Reservations: Please make your reservation before noon

Tuesday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

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