

DCOR makes Smackover oil discovery in Escambia County, Alabama

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DCOR LLC has made a Smackover oil find in Alabama's Escambia County.

The company's 1 Cedar Creek Land & Timber "18-4" (API 01-053-20660) was tested at a daily rate of 180 bbls of 47.7-degree crude and 119,000 cu ft of gas through perforations at 12,074-12,092 ft. The discovery was drilled to a total depth of 12,369 ft from a site in the nw of section 18-3n-13e. Flowing tubing pressure was gauged at 181 psi on a 16/64-inch choke.

Two miles to the west is DCOR's 1 Cedar Creek Land & Timber "14-10" (API 01-053-20659) in section 14-3n-12e. It was abandoned in mid-March at a total depth of 12,625 ft.

Before DCOR's Smackover discovery, all of the company's earlier exploration activity has occurred in California.

DCOR's discovery is two and one-half miles south of numerous Smackover oil wells in the rapidly expanding Brooklyn and Little Cedar Creek fields. Several Smackover wells have tested at rates of up to 400 bbls of crude per day. Wells in Brooklyn field straddle the Escambia/Conecuh county line, while Little Cedar Creek field is expanding to the northeast in Conecuh County. Pruet Production and Sklar Exploration have been the most active companies in the two Alabama fields.

Seven miles southeast of DCOR's venture is a Smackover oil find made last year by Fairways Exploration & Production. The 1 Cedar Creek Land & Timber "17-14" in section 17-2n-12e was tested flowing 333 bbls of 35-degree crude, with 130,000 cu ft of gas and 15 bbls of water daily. Fairways' discovery, which reached a total depth of 13,466 ft, was tested through perforations at 12,980-13,020 ft. Through year-end 2013, recovery from the lone well in Clear Creek field totals 84,362 bbls of crude, 51 million cu ft of gas and 37,988 bbls of water.

Fairways' offsetting 1 Cedar Creek Land & Timber "17-15" (API 01-053-20661) was drilled in January to a total depth of 13,570 ft. It has been perforated in the Smackover at 13,150-13,190 ft with no other details available.

