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Categorical Exclusion (CX)

Temporary Use Permit (FF 95562) for Storage of Equipment and Materials at Operational Material Site 96-3

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A. Background

BLM Office: Office of Pipeline Monitoring (AK-994) BLM Case File No. FF 95562

Applicant: Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, P.O. Box 196660, MS 502, Anchorage, AK 99519-6660

Proposed Action Title: TUP for Storage of Equipment and Materials at OMS 96-3

Location/Legal Description: The site is located on the Richardson Highway MP 166.8 and the TAPS PLMP 246.2 in T. 27 N., R. 13 W., Sec. 26, NE¼, Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska.

Description of the Proposed Action: BLM proposes to issue a Temporary Use Permit (TUP), serial number FF 95562, to Alyeska Pipeline Service Company (APSC), operator of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS), for temporary storage of equipment and materials in the existing cleared area at Operations Material Site (OMS) 96-3 in support of work along the TAPS right-of-way. This project requires no ground disturbing activities or construction.

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Utility Corridor Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement Date Approved: January 1991

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions: Issuance of rights-of-way for oil and natural gas pipelines and related facilities are dealt with specifically on page 2-24 of the Utility Corridor RMP, "FLPMA leases on federal lands would be considered where environmentally feasible and compatible with management objectives" and in Appendix N page N-8, Implementing Actions item 7, "Approve use authorization applications with emphasis given to previously disturbed sites."

C. Compliance with NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, Appendix 4 E.19.

“Issuance of short-term (3 years or less) rights-of-way or land use authorizations for such uses as storage sites, apiary sites, and construction sites where the proposal includes rehabilitation to restore the land to its natural or original condition.”

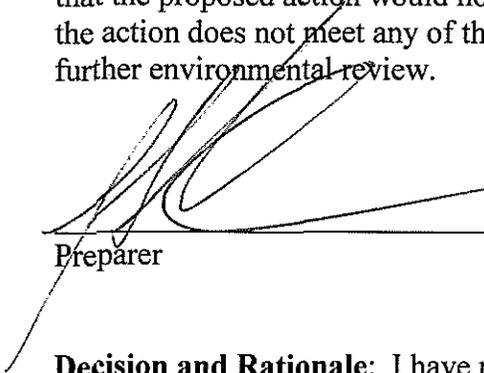
This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM2, Appendix 2, apply.

Criteria for Exception	NO	Yes
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety.	X	
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	X	
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	X	
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	X	
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	X	
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	X	
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.	X	
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	X	
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	X	
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	X	
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).	X	
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).	X	

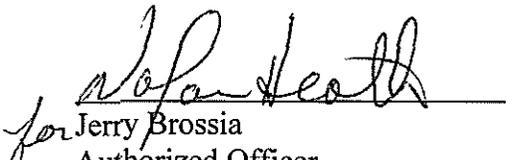
Attached Documents: Exhibit A

D: Signatures

I have reviewed the proposed action in accordance with the above criteria and have determined that the proposed action would not involve any significant environmental impacts. Therefore, the action does not meet any of the criteria for exception and is categorically excluded from further environmental review.

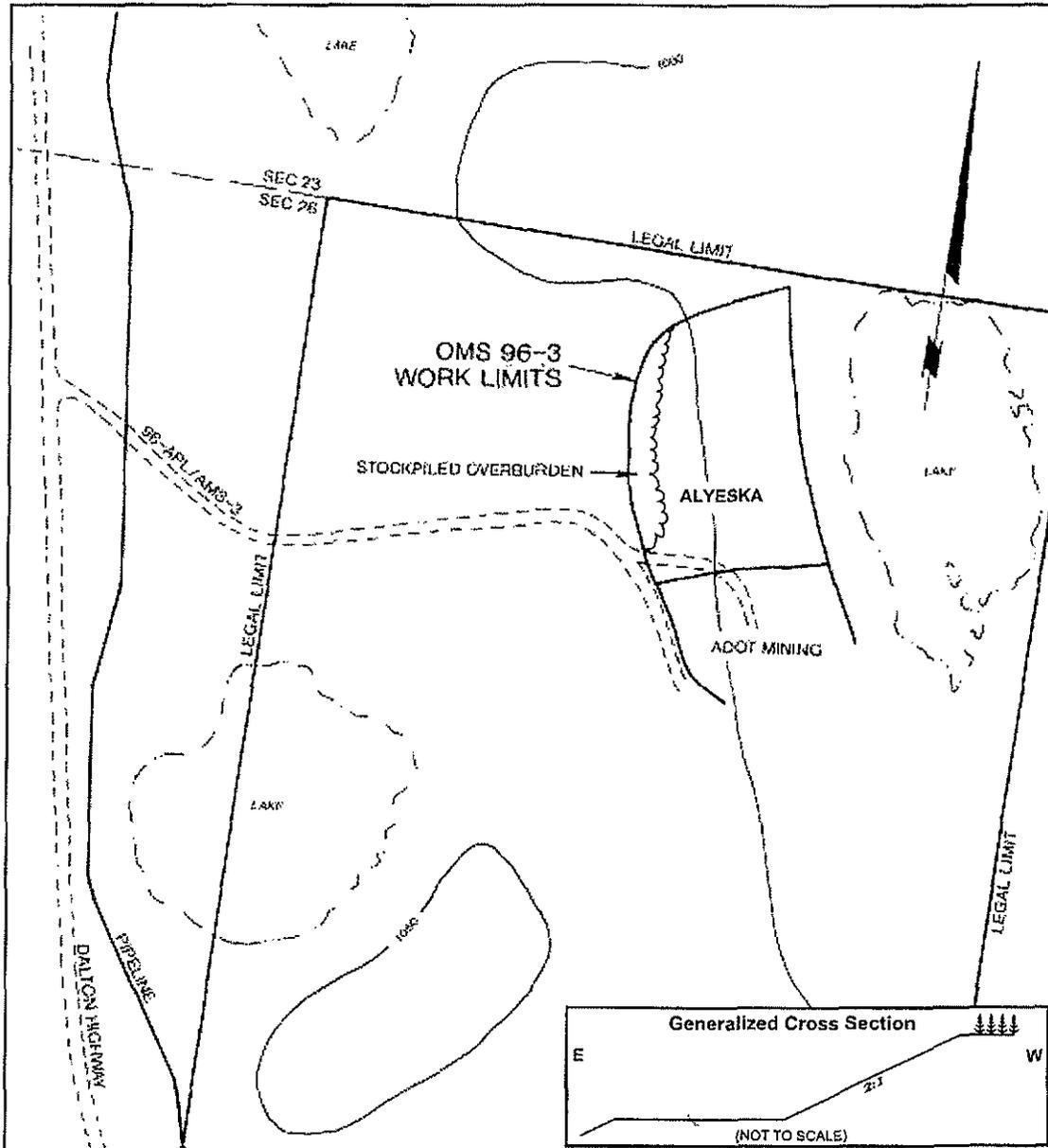

Preparer _____ Realty Specialist _____ Date 5/20/09
Title _____

Decision and Rationale: I have reviewed this action for plan conformance and NEPA Categorical Exclusion Review. Based on this review, I have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plans and involves no significant impact to the human environment. No further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement this action as described.


for Jerry Brossia _____ Date 20 May 2009
Authorized Officer
BLM, Office of Pipeline Monitoring

Contact Person

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Janine Schneider, Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, Office of Pipeline Monitoring, 411 West 4th Avenue, Suite 2, Anchorage, AK 99501, (907) 257-1377.



NOTE: WORK LIMITS HAVE NOT BEEN SURVEYED.

Alyeska pipeline
SERVICE COMPANY

OMS 96.3
MATERIAL SITE PLAN

REVISION DATE: AUGUST 2004

SCALE: 1"=400'