

**MEMORANDUM**  
**Department of Natural Resources**

**State of Alaska**  
**State Pipeline Coordinator's Office**

TO: Pat Pourchot  
Commissioner

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LETTER NO: 02-219-DW

FILE NO: ADL's 402294, 409027,  
411731, 410221, 410562

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SUBJECT: Request for Extension of Time  
For Final Determination  
For North Slope ROW  
Lease Renewals

On July 12, 2002, the Commissioner's Statement of Reasons and Proposed Written Determination for renewal of the Right-of-Way Lease for the following five North Slope pipelines was signed.

1. Kuparuk Pipeline Right-of-Way Lease, ADL 402294;
2. Kuparuk Extension Pipeline Right-of-Way Lease, ADL 409027;
3. Oliktok Pipeline Right-of-Way Lease, ADL 411731;
4. Milne Point Pipeline Right-of-Way Lease, ADL 410221; and
5. Endicott Pipeline Right-of-Way Lease, ADL 410562.

In accordance with 11AAC 80.085(b), notices of the Proposed Written Determination for renewal of each lease were published in various newspapers around the state. The notices provided the public over 30 days to submit written comments on the Proposed Written Determination. The notices met the requirements of 11 AAC 85.085(c). Notices were also placed in post offices and public buildings in communities in the area. Additionally, public hearings were held in Barrow for each lease. The public comment period closed on August 22, 2002.

Alaska Administrative Code Section 11 AAC 80.085(d) provides that the written determination becomes the final administrative decision 30 days after the close of the public comment period, unless the commissioner, in writing, extends the 30 day period for a specified period of not more than 90 additional days to allow for a full consideration of comments received. The 30-day period after the close of the public comment period is September 21, 2002.

There were relatively few comments received for the North Slope leases. However, a significant number of comments were received concerning renewal of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) Right-of-Way Lease renewal. Because of the volume and depth of comments on the TAPS Lease renewal, by separate memorandum, I have requested a 71-day extension, until November 29, 2002, to consider and address the comments and to make recommendations on the TAPS lease renewal application. As these five North Slope pipeline right-of-way systems are directly upstream and connected to TAPS, and provide a significant volume of the crude oil that is transported through TAPS, it seems prudent to consider any final determination on renewal for these leases at the same time as the final determination is made on TAPS. Thus, I recommend that the administrative review period for the five above referenced North Slope pipeline right-of-way lease renewal be extended an additional 68 days, until November 29, 2002, to coincide with the TAPS renewal final determination date, so that a comprehensive final determination can be made on all of these pending lease renewal applications.

If you concur, this extension of time will be published on or about September 19, 2002 in newspapers around the state so the public will know when the final determination will be available.

  X   I concur with extending administrative review period until November 29, 2002.

       I do not concur with the administrative review extension.

       I concur with the administrative review extension with the following modification

  /s/ Pat Pourchot    
Pat Pourchot, Commissioner

  9/10/02    
Date