

Department of Natural Resources

DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS

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Kate Dodson Permitting Coordinator ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc PO Box 100360 Anchorage, AK 99510-0360

RE: LONS 81-005, ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc., Prudhoe Bay Unit, Spine Road Kuparuk River Bridge, East Channel Low Water Crossing Gravel Addition After the Fact (ATF) Unit Plan of Operations Amendment Decision

Dear Ms. Dodson:

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas (Division), in accordance with Alaska Statute 38.05 and Alaska Oil and Gas Leasing Regulations (11 AAC 83) grants ATF authorization to conduct activities on state lands as proposed in the Prudhoe Bay Unit (PB) Plan of Operations (Plan) amendment application dated December 17, 2018 for the above referenced project.

Scope:

ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. (CPAI) requests ATF authorization for the placement of gravel between the Spine Road and an existing gravel stockpile near the East Channel of the Kuparuk River in the Prudhoe Bay Unit.

Up to 132 cubic yards of gravel was inadvertently placed on approximately 0.038 acres (1,650 square feet) of tundra as part of the Kuparuk River East Channel Low Water Crossing project. This inadvertent placement was beyond the scope of the original authorization, which was received on November 29, 2017, for the placement of up to 0.45 acres of temporary fill and 0.1 acres of permanent fill and armor rock.

CPAI believes this additional gravel enhances the use of the nearby gravel stockpile, as well as improves access to the Spine Road and Kuparuk River.

The gravel was placed during 2018 activities and has not been removed. No additional gravel will be placed beyond the scope of the LONS 81-005 authorization on November 29, 2017.

Plan activities include:

• ATF authorization for the inadvertent placement of up to 132 cubic yards of gravel impacting 1,650 square feet of tundra.

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Location information:

Unit Plan of Operations Amendment Decision

Kuparuk River East Channel Low Water Crossing Gravel Addition ATF Meridian: Umiat Township: 11N Range: 12E Section: 1

70.329207, -148.960538 NAD83

ADL(s): 028260

The Kuparuk River East Channel is located approximately 14 miles northwest of Deadhorse.

Agency review:

As a courtesy, the amendment application was circulated to the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), and DNR: Division of Mining, Land & Water (DMLW), and Division of Oil & Gas (DOG). No comments were received.

Conditions/Stipulations:

1. A certified As-Built survey of the activity shall be provided within one year of placement of the improvement. This As-Built must contain a hard copy, as well as a digital GIS file containing a Shapefile or Esri Feature Class.

Please attach this amendment approval with the original decision. This unit operations amendment approval is issued in accordance with Alaska Statute 38.05, Alaska Administrative Codes 11 AAC 83.346 and 11 AAC 83.303. The Division reviewed this amendment under the unit regulation for the Plan, 11 AAC 83.346, and considers the factors set forth in 11 AAC 83.303(a) and (b). The amendment was also evaluated against the PB agreement for conformance.

A person affected by this decision may appeal it, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any appeal must be received within 20 calendar days after issuance of the decision, as defined in 11 AAC 02.040(c) and (d) and may be mailed or delivered to the Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; faxed to 1-907-269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. This decision takes effect immediately. If no appeal is filed by the appeal deadline, this decision becomes a final administrative order and decision of the department on the 31st day after issuance. An eligible person must first appeal this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to Superior Court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.

This approval signifies only that the State of Alaska has no objection to the operations outlined in the Plan amendment application. It does not constitute certification of any property right or land status claimed by the applicant nor does it relieve the applicant of responsibility to obtain approvals or permits from other persons or governmental agencies that may also be required. All stipulations contained in the original lease and subsequent Plan approvals remain in full force and effect.

Any questions or concerns about this amendment may be directed to Natural Resource Specialist Mark Henspeter at 907-269-8812 or emailed to mark.henspeter@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

Nathaniel Emery

Natural Resource Specialist

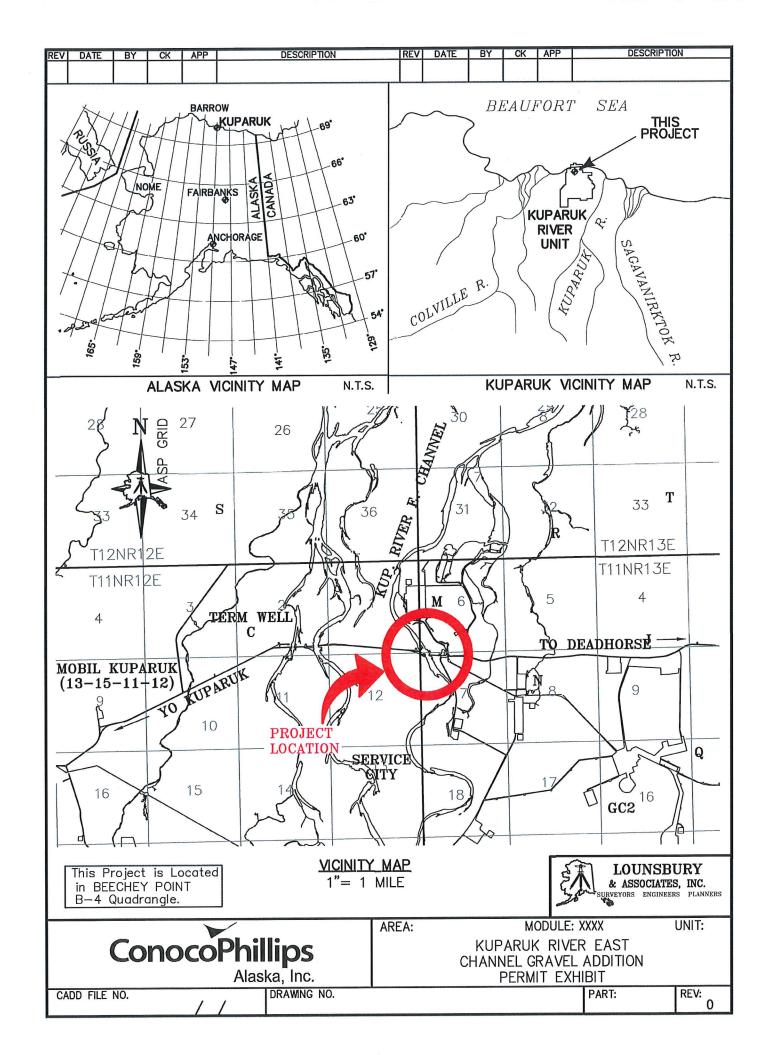
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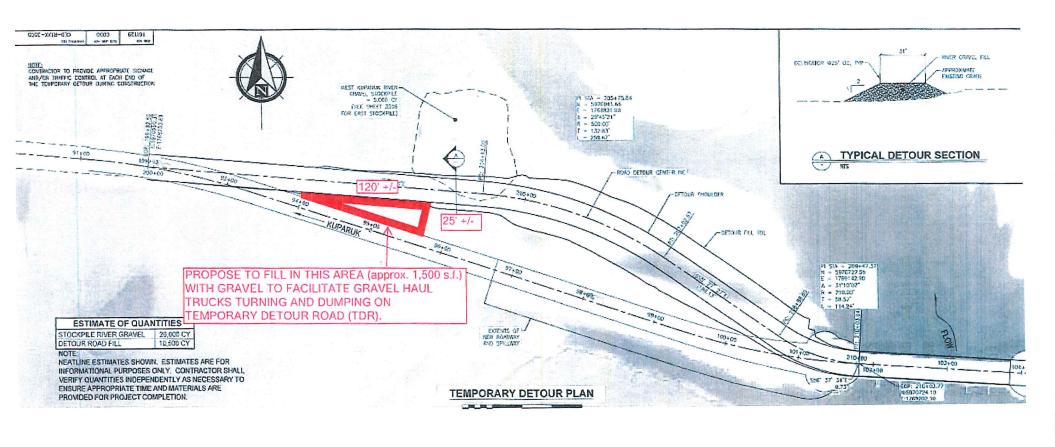
Attachments: Figures 1-4

ecc: DOG: Graham Smith, Nathaniel Emery, Paul Blanche, James Hyun, Kevin Pike

DMLW: Melissa Head, Kimberley Maher, Becky Baird, Clif Enochs

ADF&G: Jack Winters







Approximate boundary of the "wedge" of fill (panoramic photo makes perspective difficult)

