

# **Department of Natural Resources**

DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS

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Jessika Gonzalez Coordinator- Permitting Conoco Phillips Alaska Inc. P.O. Box 100360 Anchorage, AK 99510-0360

RE: LONS 97-007, ConocoPhillips Alaska Inc., Colville River Unit, CD2 Pad Expansion Plan of Operations Amendment Decision.

Dear Ms. Gonzalez:

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 authorization to conduct activities on state lands as proposed in the Colville River Unit (CRU) Plan of Operations (Plan) amendment application dated October 2, 2017 for the above referenced project.

#### Scope:

ConocoPhillips Alaska Inc., (CPAI) has submitted an amendment application for placement of gravel fill to expand the west side of the Colville Delta 2 (CD2) Pad. The CD2 Pad is located within the CRU.

This project provides surface infrastructure to drill 32 additional wells at the CD2 pad for development of the Fiord West lease area prospect. Activities will begin during the winter of 2018 and installation will continue thru the spring of 2020.

### Plan activities include:

- Place approximately 73,000 cubic yards of gravel to enlarge the CD2 Pad.
- Install Vertical Support Members, pipe racks, lights and conductors on CD2 Pad expansion area.

## **Location information:**

CRU CD2 Pad

Meridian: Umiat Township: T11N Range: 4E Section: 2

Lat 70.338143, Long -151.048697

ADL: 380075

## Agency review:

The Division provided a review and comment opportunity for the activities considered for authorization under this decision. The following government entities were notified on October 10, 2017 for comment on the Plan: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG), and DNR: Division of Mining, Land & Water (DMLW), Division of Oil and Gas, and the North Slope Borough. The comment deadline was 4:30 pm Alaska Time on October 24, 2017. Comments were received from the Northern Regional Office (NRO) of DMLW. NRO comments requested that CPAI abide by the 2008 North Slope Mitigation Measure definition for secondary containment on State of Alaska surface lands for this project. The Division has added Specific Stipulation 2 below as a result of this comment.

#### **Public notice:**

Public notice and solicitation of comments for CD2 Pad expansion appeared in the Anchorage Daily News, the State of Alaska Online Public Notices website, the Division of Oil and Gas website, and the Deadhorse and Nuiqsut post offices on November 7, 2017, and the Arctic Sounder on November 9, 2017, with a comment deadline of December 7, 2017. No public comments were submitted.

### **Amendment Specific Stipulation:**

- 1. A certified As-Built survey of the activity shall be provided within one year of placement of the improvement. This As-Built must be both digital and hard copy.
- 2. DNR requests that all associated hydrocarbon and hazardous substances tanks over state surface lands be stored within lined and bermed secondary containment capable of holding 110% the volume of the largest container.

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 CRU 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

If activities have not commenced, this approval expires on December 14, 2020. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions outlined in the lease, the attached stipulations, and this authorization may result in revocation of this unit operations approval.

Any questions or concerns about this amendment may be directed to Natural Resource Specialist John Easton at 907-269-8815 or emailed to john.easton@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

Nathaniel G. Emery

Natural Resource Specialist

Attachments: Figures 1-2

2008 North Slope Mitigation Measures with 2011 Supplement

ecc: DOG: Kim Kruse, Nathaniel Emery, Paul Blanche, Conor Williamson and James Hyun

DMLW: Melissa Head, Kimberley Maher and Matthew Willison

ADF&G: Jack Winters

Borough: Josie Kaleak, Matt C. Dunn, John Adams and Jason Bergerson

Other: regpagemaster@usace.army.mil and Stephen Moore

Fig 1

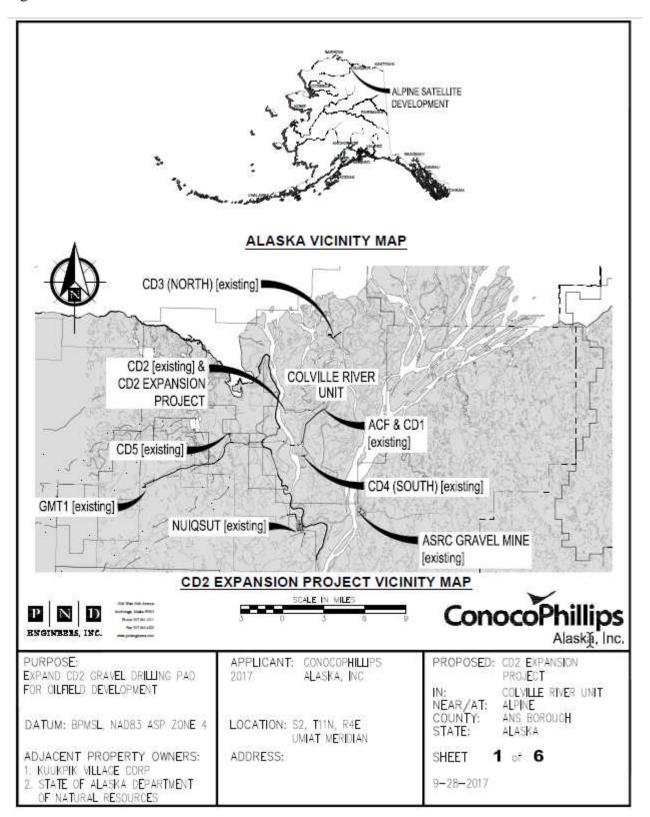


Fig 2

