State and Federal Agencies

The following agencies have coordinated in the project per AS 38.35.230:

The Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development (ADOLWD) reviews practices and procedures pertaining to occupational safety and health; mechanical, electrical and pressure systems; and wage and hour codes to protect employees. The Department of Labor has been appraised of the North Fork Pipeline Project proposal so they can evaluate the impacts relating to occupational safety and health for protection of employees.

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT/PF) The Alaska Department of Transportation evaluated potential impact on state transportation systems and facilities. The ADOT/PF will issue utility permits for the portions of the project within the existing road rights-of-way that ADOT/PF manages.

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) regulates facilities and issues permits to protect human health and the environment. The ADEC evaluated potential impacts related to air and water quality, oil discharge prevention and contingency, hazardous material control, and sanitation and waste disposal. ADEC will authorize these activities through their permitting authority.

The Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) regulates public utilities by certifying qualified providers of the public utility and pipeline services; and ensuring that they provide safe and adequate services and facilities at just and reasonable rates, terms and conditions. The RCA has received an application for the certificate of public convenience and necessity for the North Fork Pipeline. The RCA has also been provided a copy of the AS 38.35 application for the North Fork Pipeline ROW lease.

SPCO will work with the following agencies in their area of expertise and authority to ensure that all requirements have been met in accordance with the proposed actions of this decision:

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) regulates activities affecting fish passage, anadromous fish streams, and hazing of wildlife in connection with oil spills. The ADF&G reviewed potential impacts on fish and wildlife, their habitat, and subsistence harvests. ADF&G will authorize these activities through their permitting authority.

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Coastal and Ocean Management (DCOM) coordinates and reviews projects under the Alaska Coastal Management Program to determine whether proposed projects are consistent with the Alaska Coastal Management Program and the United States Coastal Management Program. DCOM also consolidates state comments on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) issues.
The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water Management (DML&W) accepts title to the state’s public domain and in conjunction with other agencies manages state land-use leases, permits; material sales; water rights and water use. The DML&W has been apprised of the activity so they can evaluate existing and future use and permitting requirements in relation to this application.

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas (DO&G) is responsible for leasing state land for oil and gas exploration and development, and permits and monitors subsequent lease and unit operations. The North Fork Unit is a state oil and gas unit, and will be the source field for the gas that will ship through the proposed pipeline.

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is responsible for the preservation and protection of the historic and archaeological resources of the state. Undetected archaeological features may be discovered in the Area of Potential Effect at any time during the planning and construction phases. The applicant agrees that if archaeological materials are discovered during construction, work will stop until the SHPO can be notified.

The State of Alaska Attorney General’s Office (AGO) administers state legal services, including the furnishing of written legal opinions to the governor, the legislature, and all state officers and departments as the governor directs per AS 43.23.020 (b)(5). The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed the proposed lease document and has provided legal advice related to the evaluation of this application. The AGO is responsible for advising the Alaska Department of Natural Resource’s Commissioner.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) regulates the transportation by pipeline of hazardous liquids and gases. The PHMSA will monitor construction, operation, and maintenance of the pipeline.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USCOE) is the federal agency mandated to issue permits authorizing activities in, or affecting, navigable waters of the United States, discharge of dredged or fill materials into waters of the United States, and determining jurisdiction and permitting through, around or near effected wetlands.