

October 19, 2017

The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Administrator Pruitt:

On behalf of Governor Bill Walker, I am sending you additional detailed information to support the concerns raised in his October 4, 2017 letter to you. In his letter, Governor Walker asks for your assistance in resolving some critical issues raised by EPA Region 10 that could cause significant problems for our efforts to develop North Slope natural gas resources and that we believe are inconsistent with the priorities of President Trump.

In light of the complexity of these issues, I am enclosing several documents from our Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline (ASAP) project and our Alaska LNG project that will help you and your staff better understand our concerns:

1. The ASAP Belowground Pipeline Mode: Selection, Construction, Operation, and Maintenance on Alaska's North Slope. This report evaluates the constructability, operational reliability, and environmental issues with belowground and aboveground pipelines, and demonstrates why the belowground pipeline is preferred, and how agency concerns can be alleviated.
2. Analysis of Potential Indirect Impacts to Wetlands Related to Buried Pipeline Construction. This document provides an analysis of whether abutting or adjacent wetlands outside the construction right-of-way for the ASAP Project would be impacted by indirect thaw to permafrost.
3. Why Alaska's Natural Gas Pipeline Should Be Buried. This document summarizes and updates much of the information in the above documents for the Alaska LNG Project.
4. Draft Wetlands Compensatory Mitigation Plan. This document proposes a wetlands mitigation strategy for the ASAP Project that was developed using guidance from the regional office of the US Army Corps of Engineers that takes into account Alaska's vast and undeveloped wetlands acreage.

These documents comprise just a small portion of the information the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation has provided both the US Army Corps of Engineers as lead agency for the ASAP SEIS process, and to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the Alaska LNG

Section 3 application. We would be happy to work with your staff if additional information is necessary or answer any questions they might have.

Sincerely,



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Chris Hladick, EPA Region 10 Administrator
John Crowther, Director of State and Federal Relations, D.C. Office of Governor Walker

Enclosures: *The ASAP Belowground Pipeline Mode: Selection, Construction, Operation, and Maintenance on Alaska's North Slope*

Analysis of Potential Indirect Impacts to Wetlands Related to Buried Pipeline Construction

Why Alaska's Natural Gas Pipeline Should Be Buried

Draft Wetlands Compensatory Mitigation Plan

Alaska Governor Bill Walker Letter to Administrator Pruitt, October 4, 2017