



ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

for Trans Alaska Pipeline System

Right-of-Way Renewal

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Proposed Action

The Permittees propose to renew the Federal Agreement and Grant of Right-of-Way for the Trans-Alaska Pipeline to continue operation of TAPS for an additional 30 years beyond expiration of the agreement in 2004. The Permittees also propose to renew the State Right-of-Way Lease, which also expires in 2004, and this Environmental Report supports that application as well.

Abstract

This report provides a comprehensive environmental analysis of the impacts associated with the renewal of the TAPS right-of-way. The federal Council on Environmental Quality guidelines contained in 40 CFR 1500-1517 have been used to prepare this report so that the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act are satisfied. As such, this report describes the proposed action and the no action alternative which would lead to expiration of the right-of-way and subsequently to the dismantlement and removal of TAPS, and restoration of the right-of-way. The report then details the physical, biological, and social-economic environments and the impacts of the proposed action and the no-action alternative on the environment, including cumulative effects. Measures to mitigate these impacts are also described.

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