

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Final Environmental Impact Statement, Trans-Alaska Pipeline System Right-of-Way Renewal

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for renewal of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) Right-of-Way Grant. The original grant, issued January 23, 1974, will expire January 22, 2004. The renewal application was filed on May 2, 2001.

Three alternatives are considered in the FEIS: the Proposed Action, renew the federal grant for 30 Years, until January 22, 2034; the Time-Dependent Alternative, renew the federal grant for less than 30 years; and the No-Action Alternative, do not renew the federal grant.

DATES: The FEIS will be available on November 26, 2002.

FEIS AVAILABILITY

The FEIS and its Executive Summary will be available as a downloadable and searchable Portable Document File (pdf) at the TAPS Renewal EIS Web site, <http://tapseis.anl.gov>. CDs can be ordered from the same site.

Hard copies of the six volume FEIS can be requested in writing from Dr. John Krummel, Argonne National Laboratory EAD/900; 9700 South Cass Avenue; Argonne, Illinois 60439.

Hard copies and CDs of the FEIS are available for review at the following public reading rooms.

Anchorage:

Alaska Resources Library and Information Services; 3150 C Street, Suite 100

Z.J. Loussac Library; 3600 Denali Street

Bureau of Land Management Public Room; 222 West 7th Avenue

State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources Public Information Center; 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1260

Barrow: Tuzzy Consortium Library; 5421 North Star Street

Cordova: Cordova Public Library; 622 1st Street

Fairbanks:

Fairbanks North Star Borough Public Library; 1215 Cowles Street

Bureau of Land Management Public Room; 1150 University Avenue

State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources Public Information Center; 3700 Airport Way

Glennallen: Bureau of Land Management; Glennallen Field Office, Milepost 186.5, Glenn Highway

Juneau: Alaska State Library; 333 Willoughby, 8th Floor

Valdez: Valdez Public Library; 212 Fairbanks Street

Washington, DC, Department of the Interior Library; 1849 C Street, NW

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEIS was prepared under authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701), as amended; the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321), as amended; the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); and the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 185), as amended, including Title II, the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act (43 U.S.C. 1651). Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Illinois, prepared the FEIS under BLM's supervision and direction.

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