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Introduction: Section 1

The proposed action analyzed in this Environmental Report is renewal of the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) right-of-way (ROW) for a 30-year period from 2004 to 2034. Section 1 provides introductory and background material for the report.

Section 1.1 explain the assumptions underlying this re-

port and details how the report is organized Section 1.2 states the purpose of and need for the proposed action. Since TAPS has already been built and has been in operation for nearly 30 years, Section 1.3 offers a brief history of the system to set the stage for the discussion of the proposed action in Section 2.