
From: "Quam, Leah" <Leah.Quam@transamerica.com>
To: "ADNR_Administrative_Record@jpo.doi.gov"
 <ADNR_Administrative_Record@jpo.doi.gov>
Date: 8/16/2002 12:47 PM
Subject: 1974 Trans-Alaska Pipeline Renewal

I am writing to express my concern for the upcoming renewal of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline agreement

If the pipeline is re-authorized, it must be accompanied by the strictest possible environmental standards. That means the following: - An independent environmental review should be conducted

by the BLM and the State of Alaska - Additional periodic reviews should be mandatory. - Citizen advisory councils, representing local people and interests, should be given a formal oversight role.

Thank you for your time.
Leah Quam
Woodstock, Georgia

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Responses for Document 00332

- 00332-001:** The reader is referred to the material on audits found in Section 2.5 of the FEIS, Alternatives and Issues Considered but Eliminated from Detailed Analysis.
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From: Paul Russell <russell@hvi.net>
To: <ADNR_Administrative_Record@jpo.doi.gov>
Date: 8/14/2002 8:22 AM
Subject: Trans-Alaska Pipeline Renewal

I am writing about the 1974 Trans-Alaska Pipeline agreement that is up for renewal. If the pipeline is to be re-authorized, it must be accompanied by the strictest possible environmental standards. That means:

- 1) An independent environmental review should be conducted by the BLM and the State of Alaska.
- 2) Additional periodic reviews should be mandatory.
- 3) Citizen advisory councils, representing local people and interests, should be given a formal oversight role.

Thank you for your attention to these comments.

Yours,
Paul Russell
842 Elting Road
Rosendale, NY 12472

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Responses for Document 00333

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- 00333-003:** The reader is referred to Section 2.5 of the FEIS, "Alternatives and Issues Considered but Eliminated from Detailed Analysis."

From: "PETER GREEN" <peter@peoplepc.com>
To: <ADNR_Administrative_Record@jpo.doi.gov>
Date: 8/13/2002 1:30 PM
Subject: Trans Alaska Pipeline Agreement Renewal

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to comment on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline agreement that is up for renewal. Any renewal must be accompanied by the strictest possible environmental standards which should include the following: An independent environmental review conducted by the BLM and the State of Alaska. Additional periodic reviews by same should be mandatory. Lastly, citizen advisory councils, representing local people and interests, should be given a formal oversight role.

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Thank you for your for your attention.

Sincerely,
Peter Green
San Mateo, California
650-377-0392

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- 00334-003:** The reader is referred to Section 2.5 of the FEIS, "Alternatives and Issues Considered but Eliminated from Detailed Analysis."

From: Shawn Spencer <sns@nyc.rr.com>
To: <ADNR_Administrative_Record@jpo.doi.gov>
Date: 8/14/2002 11:08 AM
Subject: Alaska Pipeline reauthorization

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to urge that the possible reauthorization of the Alaskan Pipeline have attached to it very stringent environmental standards such as an independent environmental review conducted by the BLM and the State of Alaska, with additional periodic reviews. Also, that the reauthorization should require citizen advisory councils made up of local people and interests to be given a formal oversight role.

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Thank you very much,

Shawn Spencer

261 E. 10th St, #11
New York, NY 10009

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- 00335-002:** The reader is referred to Section 2.5 of the FEIS, Alternatives and Issues Considered but Eliminated from Detailed Analysis.

From: Howard Connel <HowardC@HBSS.COM>
To: "ADNR_Administrative_Record@jpo.doi.gov" <ADNR_Administrative_Record@jpo.doi.gov>
Date: 8/13/2002 1:39 PM
Subject: Trans Alaska Pipeline renewal agreement

I understand an agreement regarding the Trans-Alaska Pipeline is up for renewal. I strongly believe that environmental standards must be put in place for this to move forward. That means the following:

- An independent environmental review should be conducted by the BLM and the State of Alaska.
- Additional periodic reviews should be mandatory.
- Citizen advisory councils, representing local people and interests, should be given a formal oversight role.

Please take these issues seriously during this process.

Howard Connel
4418 20th Street
San Francisco, CA 94114

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- 00336-003:** The reader is referred to Section 2.5 of the FEIS, Alternatives and Issues Considered but Eliminated from Detailed Analysis.
- 00336-004:** Thank you for your comment.

From: Mitchell Price <mprice@mdvl.net>
To: <ADNR_Administrative_Records@spo.doi.gov>
Date: 8/14/2002 4:40 AM
Subject: Re-authorization of Alaskan pipeline.

Before the Alaskan pipeline, which runs across public land, is re-authorized, I would like to see the following positive changes implemented:

- *an independent environmental review should be conducted by the BLM and the State of Alaska.
- *additional periodic reviews should be mandatory.
- *citizen advisory councils, representing local people and interests, should be given a formal oversight role.

Thank you.

Mitchell Price
17283 South Mosierstown Road
Sagertown, PA 16433

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Responses for Document 00337

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From: <Nlwoggan@aol.com>
To: <ADNR_Administrative_Record@jpo.doi.gov>
Date: 8/15/2002 5:35 PM
Subject: Renewal

To whom it may concern

If the Trans-Alaska pipeline is to be re-authorized, please include an independent environmental review of it conducted by the BLM and the State of Alaska and mandate additional periodic reviews. Also, please give citizen advisory councils a formal oversight role in the process. Thank you for your time.

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Sincerely,
Joel Boggan

Responses for Document 00338

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From: rfgrove@adelphia.net
To: <ADNR_Administrative_Record@jpo.doi.gov>
Date: 8/14/2002 4:36 PM
Subject: Trans-Alaskan Pipeline Reauthorization

This email concerns the reauthorization of the trans-Alaskan pipeline. Reauthorization should be done only with the strictest possible environmental standards, including the following:
- An independent environmental review should be conducted by the BLM and the State of Alaska.
- Additional periodic reviews should be mandatory.
- Citizen advisory councils, representing local people and interests, should be given a formal oversight role.

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Sincerely,
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Ralph F. Grove, Jr
170 Westhampton Ct.
Harrisonburg, VA 22801
rfgrove@computer.org

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- 00339-003:** The reader is referred to Section 2.5 of the FEIS, "Alternatives and Issues Considered but Eliminated from Detailed Analysis."

From: "Lalton Hagood" <lhap@postone.net>
To: <ADNR_Administrative_Record@jpo.doi.gov>
Date: 8/13/2002 3:25 PM
Subject: Trans-Alaska Pipeline Renewal

If the Trans-Alaska pipeline is re-authorized, it must be accompanied by the strictest possible environmental standards, including the following: An independent environmental review should be conducted by the BLM and the State of Alaska
- Additional periodic reviews should be mandatory. Citizen advisory councils, representing local people and interests, should be given a formal advisory role.

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Lalton B. Hagood, Jr.
P.O. Box 334
Clover, VA 24534

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From: Michael Howden <mhowden@excpc.com>
To: <ADNR_Administrative_Record@jpo.doi.gov>
Date: 3/13/2002 1:50 PM
Subject: Alaskan Pipeline Renewal

Dear Sir

If the pipeline is re-introduced, it MUST be accompanied by the strictest possible environmental standards and:
 - An independent environmental review should be conducted by the FIC and the State of Alaska - Additional periodic reviews should be mandated;
 - Various advisory committees, representing local people and interests, should be given a formal oversight role.

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Sincerely,

Michael Howden
 1410 North 40th Street
 Milwaukee, WI 53208

Responses for Document 00341

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From: "Nathaniel Vogt" <nvogt@core.com>
To: <ADNR_Administrative_Record@spo.doi.gov>
Date: 8/13/2003 1:54 PM
Subject: Renewal of Trans-Alaska Pipeline Agreement

If the 1974 Trans-Alaska Pipeline agreement is re-authorized, it must be accompanied by the strictest possible environmental standards. That means the following:

- An independent environmental review should be conducted by the Bureau of Land Management and the State of Alaska.

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- Additional periodic reviews should be mandatory.

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- Citizen advisory councils, representing local people and local interests, should be given a formal oversight role

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Please enter these comments into the official public record. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Nathaniel Vogt
302 Olentangy St.
Columbus, OH 43202

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From: "Timothy Taylor" <timataylor@hotmail.com>
To: <ADNR_Administrative_Record@jpo.doi.gov>
Date: 8/13/2002 10:09 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to comment on the possible re-authorization of the 1974 agreement that allows the Trans-Alaska Pipeline to travel across mostly publicly-owned land. If the pipeline is re-authorized, it must be accompanied by the strictest possible environmental standards, including an independent environmental review conducted by the BLM and the State of Alaska. It should also be mandatory that additional periodic reviews be undertaken, and that citizen advisory councils representing local people and interests should be given a formal oversight role. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Taylor
853 Ogden, #3
Denver, CO 80216

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- 00344-003:** The reader is referred to Section 2.5 of the FEIS, "Alternatives and Issues Considered but Eliminated from Detailed Analysis."

From: "Norman C. Schwartz" <nkschwartz@hvc.rr.com>
To: <ADNR_Administrative_Record@jpo.doi.gov>
Date: 8/14/2002 12:02 PM
Subject: Comments on Alaska Pipeline renewal

The Trans Alaska Pipeline Agreement is up for renewal. If the pipeline is re authorized, it must be accompanied by the strictest possible environmental standards. That means the following: - An independent environmental review should be conducted by the BLM and the State of Alaska. - Additional periodic reviews should be mandatory. - Citizen advisory councils, representing local people and interests, should be given a formal oversight role.

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Norman C. Schwartz, 3 Martha's Court, Saugerties NY 12477, 845-246-9478

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From: "Susan Seiler" <naturelover1@snet.net>
To: <ADNR_Administrative_Record@jpo.coi.gov>
Date: 8/14/2002 2:28 PM
Subject: Alaska Wilderness

To Whom It May Concern,

If the pipeline is re-authorized, it must be accompanied by the strictest possible environmental standards. That means the following: - An independent environmental review should be conducted by the BLM and the State of Alaska. - Additional periodic reviews should be mandatory. - Citizen advisory councils, representing local people and interests, should be given a formal oversight role.

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Thank you.
Susan Seiler
Marlborough, Connecticut
naturelover1@snet.net

"In nature there are neither rewards nor punishment - there are consequences."
Robert G. Ingersoll

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From: "Frank Slider" <sliderf@ovis.net>
To: <ADNR_Administrative_Record@jpo.doi.gov>
Date: 8/15/2002 7:55 AM
Subject: re: comments on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline re-authorization

* To Whom It May Concern:

As a frequent visitor to this area to hunt, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the re-authorization of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. If the pipeline is re-authorized, it must be accompanied by the strictest possible environmental standards. This means the following:

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(1) An independent environmental review should be conducted by the BLM and the State of Alaska.

(2) Additional periodic reviews should be mandatory.

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(3) Citizen advisory councils, representing local people and interests, should be given a formal oversight role.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Francis D. Slider
Rt 1 Box 163-A2
Middlebourne, WV 26149

Responses for Document 00347

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- 00347-003:** The reader is referred to Section 2.5 of the FEIS, "Alternatives and Issues Considered but Eliminated from Detailed Analysis."

From: "Laura J Lewis Barr" <lewbar@eudoramail.com>
To: <ADNR_Administrative_Record@jpo.doi.gov>
Date: 8/14/2007 6:06 AM
Subject: pipeline feedback

To those involved in pipeline decisions:
The Trans-Alaska Pipeline sends one million barrels of oil each day across some of Alaska's most spectacular locations.

Please: If the pipeline is re-authorized, it must be accompanied by the strictest possible environmental standards. That means an independent environmental review should be conducted by the BLM and the State of Alaska. - Additional periodic reviews should be mandatory. - Citizen advisory councils, representing local people and interests, should be given a formal oversight role.

Thank you,
Laura Lewis-Barr
Roselle, IL

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From: <Brit1American@aol.com>
To: <ADNR_Administrative_Record@jpo.doi.gov>
Date: 8/15/2002 7:13 AM
Subject: TAP

I am writing to you regarding the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, which sends one million barrels of oil each day across 800 miles from Alaska's North Slope to the port of Valdez. It crosses public land for almost the whole journey, thanks to a 1974 agreement. Now the agreement is up for renewal, and if re-authorized it should be accompanied by the strictest possible environmental standards. That means the following. - An independent environmental review should be conducted by the BLM and the State of Alaska. - Additional periodic reviews should be mandatory. - Citizen advisory councils, representing local people and interests, should be given a formal oversight role.

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Thank you for your consideration

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- 00349-003:** The reader is referred to Section 2.5 of the FEIS, "Alternatives and Issues Considered but Eliminated from Detailed Analysis."

Responses for Document 00350

- 00350-001:** Thank you for your comment.
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- 00350-004:** Thank you for your comment.

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The Trans Alaska Pipeline System has had significant positive impacts. It's continued operation is, from a global viewpoint, the most environmentally and economically efficient way to continue to meet energy demands. It is critical that no artificially burdensome costs be added to the TAPS system as the environmental and economic benefits can only be reaped as long as the pipeline remains economically competitive. Considering the rigorous permit stipulations, there is no imperative for the renewal period to be shorter than 30 years. The oversight and maintenance of TAPS is unparalleled. In addition, over twenty State and Federal agencies regulate the pipeline and millions of dollars are spent each year on its upkeep. Any additional regulation resulting from the reauthorization process must be supported by demonstratable benefits to safety and the environment. One of the issues raised by some members of the public was the need for a citizens advisory group to oversee pipeline operations. This concept was not deemed appropriate for evaluation in the DEIS. The BLM should refrain from including it in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

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00351-001: Thank you for your comment.

00351-002: Thank you for your comment.

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I support Alycska Pipeline Service Company's application for a 30-year renewal of the Grant of Right of Way, without reservation. Please see the attachment for my comments. See Attachment.

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July 9, 2002

U.S. Bureau of Land Management

Subject: Trans Alaska Pipeline ROW Renewal

To Whom It May Concern:

As one who helped build TAPS, who has lived in Alaska since before construction was begun, and who has spent years working as a contractor to help maintain the system, I would like to contribute my reasons for supporting renewal of the Grant of Right of Way for a full 30 year term:

1. The system's original design has fulfilled its intent of providing a reliable and safe system for transporting up to 20% of our nation's crude oil needs.
2. The system's integrity remains a top priority of its maintenance program under operator, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company (Alyeska).
3. Alyeska and the TAPS Owner companies have shown steadfast dedication to updating the system hardware, and annually expend large sums of money to implement these changes. Whether it be system-wide electrical code upgrades which we completed in 1998, or complete replacement of 8.5 miles of mainline pipe in the Atigun Pass floodplain in 1993, Alyeska and the Owners have not flinched at investing the dollars needed to thoroughly comply with their responsibility to maintain system integrity through professional engineering, planning, and implementation.
4. Alyeska has made timely improvements to the system monitoring and communications systems. Their internal pipeline monitoring using "smart pigs" is world renown for being state of the art. The 1997 remote gate valve monitoring upgrades were thoroughly planned and implemented. In the rare instance where an upgrade does not meet system integrity standards, such as the installation of a fiber optic backbone system in 1996-97, Alyeska has shown it is willing to "swallow costs" and "do it right" before implementation.
5. Besides being a well-designed and functional system, TAPS has truly become Alaska's umbilical cord. Its daily throughput has provided the State Government with the bulk of its revenues, provided jobs and training to thousands of Alaskans in its major cities as well as rural locations along the ROW, and provided feedstock for local refineries in Valdez and Fairbanks.

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While fully supporting the TAPS ROW renewal for the above reasons, I must speak out against suggestions to increase "citizen oversight" by creating new panels or boards. Because TAPS is so vitally important to Alaska's economy, and because the Joint Pipeline Office was created to monitor Alyeska's compliance with the Grant of Right of Way, there has always been very good visibility of TAPS operations, and always will be with the continued oversight by the JPO. Creation of new review boards would serve as an impediment to the current process of oversight by the JPO and would drain funds which could otherwise increase the economic return on the pipeline's assets or be used for maintenance.

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Since crude oil is a commodity whose price is largely determined by worldwide supply/demand factors, the economic delivery of Alaska's oil cannot be taken for granted. No extraneous costs or barriers should be erected which might lessen the ability of pipeline owners to recover their costs and achieve a return on their investment. In a world economy, if an asset such as TAPS fails to deliver economic returns to all its stakeholders, the State of Alaska and the people of Alaska will risk losing the centerpiece of the state's economic infrastructure.

Thank you for reviewing my comments and please expedite the renewal of the TAPS Grant of Right of Way.

Very truly yours,

Wesley P. Nason

Responses for Document 00352

00352-001: Thank you for your comment.

00352-002: Thank you for your comment.

00352-003: Thank you for your comment.

00352-004: The reader is referred to Section 2.5 of the FEIS, "Alternatives and Issues Considered but Eliminated from Detailed Analysis."

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The trans-Alaska Pipeline is a major element of transportation infrastructure in Alaska. The line was constructed at considerable expense and effort to meet energy shortages in the rest of the U.S. The sale of oil transported through the line has made it possible for Alaska to develop significant improvements that have enhanced economic and social conditions in the state. Attempts to reduce or remove these improvements have failed to meet with favor by most Alaskans. It makes the most sense to extend the permit for the pipeline for thirty years. The pipeline is as important to Alaska transportation as the Alaska Railroad and Alaska's highways. No one would consider recommending that the Alaska railroad right-of-way be limited to three decades. It is unlikely that anyone would suggest limiting the use of the Parks Highway for less than thirty years. Therefore, Alaska's important element of transportation infrastructure, the trans-Alaska pipeline, should be extended to at least thirty years. The operation of the pipeline is important for Alaska and is even more important for maintaining a supply of oil for the rest of the nation.

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00353-001: Thank you for your comment.

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Scott Metzger PO Box 999 Cordova Ak 99574 slm@adnmail.com July 25, 2002 BLM TAPS Renewal EIS Argonne National Laboratory EAD/900 9700 S.Cass Ave Argonne, IL 60439 Public Comments on Grant and Lease Renewal for the TAPS. It is my understanding that the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) has outlived its 30-year life expectancy. It is obvious that the pipeline is aging and not very gracefully judging by the number of operational problems, shutdowns and small spills the pipeline has had over the last couple of years. It is reasonable then to assume that if the pipeline is not already showing serious signs of wear and tear, it will in the very near future. It is absolutely critical that the proper safeguards be put in place now to ensure safe operation of the pipeline, should the right of way lease be renewed. The Alaska Forum for Environmental Responsibility in its report, The Emperors New Hose, details some of the serious operational and maintenance problems facing Alyeska and the pipeline over the last couple of years. In this report they make six recommendations about how to change and improve pipeline operations and they insist that these changes be implemented prior to the Grant and Lease renewal of the right of way lease for the Trans Alaska Pipeline System. These six recommendations include: 1) There needs to be a Citizen's Advisory Council established to oversee operations of the pipeline. We have the PWSRCAC to oversee tanker operations at the port of Valdez and PWS and we want a citizens advisory council for the entire length of the pipeline as a condition to renewal of the right of way lease. 2) Secondly, the TAPS owners should be required to place the dismantling, removal, and restoration funds directly into an escrow account so that they no longer continue to profit off of these funds, and a portion of these funds should be used to fund a Citizens Advisory Council 3) The Grant and lease renewal should be made conditional upon satisfactory completion of an independent audit and technical review every five years for the duration of the life of the pipeline. 4.) The ownership of the TAPS should be transferred to a single owner with no connections to north slope crude oil production. 5.) A viable employee concerns program must be established and implemented within Alyeska prior to Grant and lease renewal. 6.) Federal and state Lease stipulations should be reviewed and updated to reflect current scientific and technological advances and understandings during the last three decades. These are the recommendations made by AKFER and support them 100 percent and also wish them to be implemented before the Grant and Lease renewal is approved. Cordova is a fishing community whose lifeblood is the Copper River. The fishermen and women here rely on the healthy and intact spawning habitat in the upper Copper River and it's tributaries to assure continued returns of fish. The TAPS dissects the entire Copper River Watershed and crosses over or under 76 anadromous streams If the spawning habitat is compromised in a serious way, such as with an oil spill into the Copper River or one of it's tributaries, the economic and environmental consequences could be devastating for Cordova and all the other communities in the Copper River Watershed. It is absolutely critical that the TAPS be held to the highest possible operational standards and that the employees who operate it feel confident that it is running smoothly and that if it is not they are not afraid to speak up to their bosses, it would be impossible to clean up in a timely manner, an oil spill that dumped oil directly into the Klutina River for example. So hence the reason for 5-year independent audits; to assure the pipeline is operating mechanically as well as is possible to prevent any accidents. As far as oil spill contingency plans for the overland portions, particularly the Copper River Watershed, they are sorely inadequate or lacking. If there were and earthquake that ruptured the TAPS, there is no way

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Alaska, the state, or the Feds could mobilize cleanup operations in a timely enough manner that would make a difference. Once it's happened it is too late. Having the Pipeline running through the Copper River Watershed is like having a gauntlet over our heads just waiting to drop. Two final points, I believe there needs to be permanent air quality monitoring in Valdez. Every time I go there, especially in the winter, you can see the blue smoke lingering in the air from the oil tankers. This should be implemented as a condition to the lease renewal as well. And finally I think that the public comment period for the TAPS grant and lease renewal needs to be extended and public scoping meetings need to be held in more communities in Alaska and Nationally. As a national security issue we deserve to know what everyone thinks.

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- 00354-001:** Incidents, such as those mentioned in the comment, have resulted in modifications to the manner in which TAPS is operated. In order to be more proactive, the BLM and member agencies of JPO (in close cooperation with APSC) have begun a systematic process to identify the critical functional components of TAPS. The process, called reliability centered maintenance (RCM), is an ongoing system-by-system audit that determines function, failure modes, consequence and preventative maintenance of critical systems. The BLM is committed to RCM and believes that this process represents a proactive approach to oversight and regulation of TAPS. In addition, RCM is widely used in the airline and other industries as the standard tool for reducing risk of failure to critical system components. Reducing risk in TAPS-critical systems directly translates to reducing risks to safety and the environment.
- 00354-002:** The reader is referred to Section 2.5 of the FEIS, “Alternatives and Issues Considered but Eliminated from Detailed Analysis.”
- 00354-003:** The reader is directed to the discussion of escrow funds found in Section 2.5.
- 00354-004:** The reader is referred to Section 2.5 of the FEIS, in which audits are addressed under Alternatives and Issues Considered but Eliminated from Detailed Analysis.
- 00354-005:** Thank you for your comment.
- 00354-006:** The BLM and the agencies within JPO acknowledge both that there have been legitimate issues related to APSC's Employee Concerns Program (ECP) and that APSC has undertaken considerable efforts to improve and refine its ECP program.
- The BLM and JPO expect to continue to evaluate the effectiveness of APSC's ECP through confidential surveys that will seek input from all TAPS employees (see Section 4.8.4 of the FEIS). Like the three prior surveys, these efforts can provide broad measures of the confidence that TAPS workers have in APSC's ECP and can suggest areas needing improvement.
- The JPO also notes that a confidential hotline (1-800-764-5070) currently exists for employees or members of the public to report issues and concerns about TAPS. Recorded messages are checked daily by the BLM-Alaska Special Agent's office. The purpose of the hotline is to identify issues relating to pipeline integrity, public safety, environmental protections and regulatory compliance for incorporation into the JPO work program. The BLM also refers employees seeking personal relief (e.g., restoration of employment or lost compensation) to the U.S. Department of Labor or other appropriate authorities for further investigation.
- 00354-007:** The BLM and member agencies of the JPO use an adaptive management approach to evaluate the effectiveness of stipulations and regulatory oversight. Ongoing monitoring programs, as identified in the 12 Comprehensive Monitoring Reports published since 1996, provide BLM and JPO with the necessary information to evaluate the effectiveness of stipulations in the Grant and Lease.
- The reader is referred to Section 4.1.1 (JPO oversight) and specifically to Sections 4.1.1.2 (Adaptive Nature of the Grant in Compliance Monitoring), 4.1.1.3 (Risk-based Compliance Monitoring), 4.1.1.4 (JPO Comprehensive Monitoring Program), and 4.1.1.8 (Coordinated Planning and Response to Abnormal Incidents) for more information on the role of adaptive management as a JPO business practice.
- 00354-008:** Thank you for your comment.
- 00354-009:** See the text box in Section 4.4.4.3 “ Oil Spill Planning for the Copper River Drainage.”

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00354-011: The reader is directed to Section 2.5 in which the need for additional audits is discussed. In addition, Section 4.4.4.3 describes spill response and mitigation in the Copper River Drainage.

00354-012: The seismic design of the pipeline took all active faults into consideration. To reduce the likelihood of pipe rupture at the fault crossings, the pipe is above ground and on supports that allow relative displacement across the fault. The pipeline design was based on the possibility that severe seismic events could occur. Section 4.4 of the EIS discusses the spill scenarios considered and the estimated impacts from those scenarios. The scenarios range from high frequency/low consequence events to low frequency/high consequence occurrences. Potential seismic activity and fault displacements along the pipeline were included as potential spill initiators. The discussion includes potential impacts in the Copper River drainage area. Oil spill prevention and response capabilities and related activities specific to the Copper River drainage area are discussed more fully in the text box that has been added to Section 4.4.4.3.

00354-013: Presence of visible blue smoke lingering in the air from the oil tanker does not necessarily mean serious ambient air quality problems in Valdez area. The decision to install and operate permanent air quality monitoring system in Valdez would have to be made based on the levels of ambient concentrations monitored for a limited duration in order to adequately characterize current air quality levels.

00354-014: Although 45 days is understandably a short time to review a document of this size, the time period is consistent with the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act regarding the review of draft environmental impact statements. Significant effort was made to advise people of the schedule and duration of the review well in advance (one year). The DEIS was published on schedule and many substantive comments on the content of the DEIS, including yours, were received during the 45-day period.

While comments on the DEIS had to be received by the end of the 45-day comment period in order to be addressed in the Final EIS, additional provisions for involvement in the decision-making process apply to Tribal governments and Native organizations. The process of government-to-government consultation allows these groups to continue dialogue with the Bureau of Land Management.

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I would like to express my opinion that the permit should not be granted. The potential environmental risk is far greater than the possible economic benefit. Thank you for considering public comments.

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The oil companies must provide, before renewal, the dollars to remove and restore the pipeline areas as they promised. They are not presently doing this and do not have anywhere near the monies set aside to remove the pipeline or restore the areas. Don't renew the lease until they fulfill their original agreements with the state.

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00356-001: The reader is directed to the discussion of escrow funds found in Section 2.5.

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I'm a 30 resident of Alaska and I have worked in and around the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System for 20 years. I've held an assortment of positions from technician to Team Lead, Pipeline Compliance Group. I know first hand the workings of Alyeska Pipeline and the actions taken, daily, to ensure safe operations. Accidents and mishaps do occur. However this is true in very facet of life. The way Alyeska approaches these has always been professional and interaction with government agencies and the news media, forth right. I have confidence the pipeline will continue to be operated safely in the future. Without mishap, no, with concern and appropriate response, I believe so. Entering into an additional 30 yr lease is the correct thing to do for the State of Alaska and the Federal Government. The risks associated come hand in hand with the price of freedom.

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00357-001: Thank you for your comment.

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Figures D-5 and D-10 are labeled incorrectly. The location of Allakaket should be shown as being on the South bank of the Koyukuk River and Alatna on the North bank. Please note that we will be submitting lengthier comments at a later date.

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00358-001: Maps D-5 and D-10 (renumbered as D-2 and D-6 in the FEIS) have been corrected.

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As a former 20 year Alaska banker and frequent recreationalist familiar with TAPS infrastructure, I wish to support the 30 year permit renewal option. Please keep the social, cultural and political arguments out of your consideration and focus on the real economic and environmental issues effecting this permit process. I believe that TAPS has invested and will continue to invest in the plant and equipment sufficient to warrant an additional 30 year permit renewal and that the consortium can and will remediate and make whole any consequence of a potential mishap or permanent final reclamation.

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00359-001: Thank you for your comment.

00359-002: The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) directs federal agencies to analyze the potential impacts on the human environment that could be expected to result from proposed actions and their alternatives. Specifically included in that direction are social and cultural considerations, as well as economic impacts and impacts on the natural environment. This EIS includes analyses of social and cultural impacts in addition to environmental and economic impacts, as required by NEPA and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations. Political considerations are not analyzed in the EIS because they are not considered impacts on the human environment as defined under NEPA; however, political considerations are not precluded from the final decision-making process that will occur after the EIS is finalized.

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I know I'm writing from Texas, but I have friends in Alaska and lived in Fairbanks as a child. We as American, not only people from Alaska, have to think about how this world will be when this comes up again. We take a risk with oil spills but due to the way the world is now, we need our Alaska oil. Thirty years from now we may not need this pipeline, but we do need the time to finish this change over that has started. Cars and power sources are changing over already. I live in a city that at one time oil was the main source of business. Houston had to make a change, oil isn't all that makes this city any more. We have a lot of companies that have nothing to do with oil. This change over from using oil has started. Alaska needs to think about what happens after it's over. How many jobs in Alaska are related to this pipeline? If the pipeline closes how many people will move back to the lower forty-eight? This may be the last time this is needed. Other sources of energy are going to have to be used, they already are more and more everyday. For now we need to let the ones developing other sources finish their job. Keep the pipeline in place for now.

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00360-001: Thank you for your comment.

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The oversight and maintenance of TAPS is unparalleled. TAPS' overall performance reliability rate is in excess of 99% since start-up. Alyeska's corrosion control program, valve maintenance program and spill response plans are the leaders in the industry. In addition, over twenty State and Federal agencies regulate the pipeline and millions of dollars are spent each year on its upkeep. Any additional regulation resulting from the reauthorization process must be supported by demonstratable benefits to safety and the environment. TAPS should not be burdened by unnecessary costs. Specifically, I believe that the BLM's Right of Way renewal should be for no less than thirty years in order to provide the necessary security for further investments in North Slope oil exploration and production.

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As with most things in life, privileges are granted through responsible actions. Although the first 25 years have gone well, I believe that an aging pipeline is going to become more expensive and intensive to maintain, requiring a higher level of scrutiny. Granting a long term extension would not hold these companies to the same level of concern for access. When considering other positions of responsibility or contract that are high profile and concern so many people, (political office, state or federal contracts), we offer short term privilege as a check and balance for responsible action. I feel that the same should be true when dealing with huge business entities that can easily afford a fine, but couldn't operate without access. Though it may be inconvenient for them, it is a safeguard for Alaskans. Thirty years is too long. Five years is not too restrictive to allow long term management, yet would prompt attention to detail in the short term for the benefit of us all. Many things can change in 5 years, let alone 30 years.....

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As an individual and as a company representative I fully support renewal of Alyeska's permits and acceptance of it's EIS without any changes. Over a 20-year period I have had the opportunity to be directly involved with the construction and operations phase of the Trans-Alaska pipeline. Taking into consideration the size and scope of this project, Alyeska has done an exemplary job of handling it's environmental responsibilities. While many environmentalists are critical of Alyeska, their criticism is laughable when put into context. There are 30 drops of oil to a gram and 28.35 grams to the ounce. Alyeska has spilled 1.3 drops of oil for every 2 quarts of oil transported, remove the Exxon Valdez spill and it is 0.26 drops for every 2 quarts transported over a 30 year period. On an equivalent basis, there is not one environmentalist nor government official who has not spilled 50 times that amount of oil EVERY time they put a quart of oil in their automobiles. While the total amount of oil spilled by Alyeska may seem rather large, it is truly a drop in the bucket when compared to the total amount of product that has been transported.

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00364-001: Thank you for your comment.

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I was chagrined to peruse the cis and see no reference to the impact that the TAPS ROW has had on the wildlife population along the right of way. My personal experience (south of Glennallen) has been that BLM, Alyeska, and the State of Alaska have looked aside as they allow hunters to turn the ROW into their own personal hunting reserve while the trapping community turns the ROW into their very own trapline. Bridges and culverts are replete with martin and mink and ermine traps and wolf and lynx and coyote leghold traps litter the right of way within 10 to 20 feet of the pipeline. This is not right. Unless the 3 agencies can develop some statutory language complete with enforcement provisions and penalties along with enforcement action to keep these folks off the right of way, my inclination is to seek some legal remedy on behalf of the wildlife population . . . Does the cis address this situation? Putting up signs as Alyeska and BLM have done regarding the trespass situation does absolutely no good without active enforcement provisions.

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- 00365-001:** Information on the impacts of TAPS on wildlife are presented in Section 4.3.17. Hunting and trapping are not allowed within the ROW (see Table 4.1-2). Additionally, no firearm hunting is allowed within 5 miles of either side of the Dalton Highway within GMUs 20, 24, 25, and 26 (Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area).
- 00365-002:** Impacts to wildlife are discussed in Section 4.3.17 of the FEIS. See also Section 2.5, “Alternatives and Issues Considered but Eliminated from Detailed Analysis.”