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Alaska District

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CEPOA-RD
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Public Notice of Application for Permit

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:	November 21, 2025
EXPIRATION DATE:	December 8, 2025
REFERENCE NUMBER:	POA-2020-00091
WATERWAY:	Prudhoe Bay

Interested parties are hereby notified that a Department of the Army permit application has been received for work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed project drawings.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that the following request associated with the CCP Flare Pipe Fill Project has been submitted for a Department of the Army (DA) permit under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, as amended. In Executive Order (EO) 14156 the President declared a national emergency under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1621) based upon the finding that the United States' insufficient energy production, transportation, refining, and generation constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat to our Nation's economy, national security, and foreign policy. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Alaska District has found that this permit request meets the terms of EO 14156 and is therefore subject to special emergency permitting procedures to address an energy supply situation which would result in an unacceptable hazard to life, a significant loss of property, or an immediate, unforeseen, and significant economic hardship if corrective action requiring a permit is not undertaken within a time period less than the normal time needed to process the application under standard procedures. The Alaska District will implement the special processing procedures approved by Pacific Ocean Division in accordance with 33 CFR § 325.2(e)(4).

APPLICANT: Kirsten Hoppe, Hilcorp Alaska LLC

LOCATION: The project site is located within Section A, T. 11 N., R. 14 E., Umiat Meridian; USGS Quad Map Point Roberts OE N; Latitude 70.32445° N., Longitude 148.49080° W.; near Prudhoe Bay, Alaska.

PROPOSED WORK: Hilcorp Alaska is proposing to discharge about 33,000 cubic yards of clean gravel fill into 3.1 acres of wetlands within the gas flare pit under the termination of the flare pipelines at the Central Compressor Pad (CCP) in the Prudhoe Bay Unit. All work would be performed during late winter ending by May 2026, and in accordance with the enclosed plan (sheets 1-3), dated November 2025.

APPLICANT PROPOSED MITIGATION: The applicant proposes the following mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, and compensate for impacts to waters of the United States from activities involving discharges of dredged or fill material.

a. Avoidance: Hilcorp has reviewed the options regarding how to repair current subsidence issues along the vertical support members of the gas flare pipelines at the CCP. The alternative to placing fill to construct permanent uplands would be to build ice roads during winter months and perform necessary maintenance from the seasonal surface. By creating gravel access, the activity can be conducted year-round as needed, the underlying permafrost would be insulated from further thaw, and the amount of maintenance needed would be reduced.

b. Minimization: Hilcorp is requesting authorization to fill 3.1 acres and proposes this is the minimum required to safely allow access to lighter duty vehicles. Culverts would be installed along the northeast portion of the flare pit to provide a hydrologic connection to/from the impounded area.

c. Compensatory Mitigation: Hilcorp is not proposing compensatory mitigation because the proposed project is close to existing gravel roads and pads and the wetlands impacted are of diminished value as a result of the ongoing flaring activity.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A permit for the described work will not be issued until a certification or waiver of certification, as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217), has been received from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES: In accordance with the special processing procedures established by Pacific Ocean Division, the district is coordinating with the State Historic Preservation Office [or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer] under 36 CFR Part 800.12 in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES: The project area is within the known or historic range of the polar bear (*Ursus Maritimus*) and spectacled eider (*Somateria fischeri*), as well as critical habitat for the polar bear.

We have determined the described activity may affect the threatened spectacled eider, the threatened polar bear and their designated critical habitat. In accordance with the special processing procedures approved by Pacific Ocean Division in accordance with 33 CFR § 325.2(e)(4), the district is consulting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and/or

National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) under 50 CFR Part 402.05 in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). No EFH species are known to use the project area.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION: USACE fully supports tribal self-governance and government-to-government relations between Federally recognized Tribes and the Federal government. Tribes with protected rights or resources that could be significantly affected by a proposed Federal action (e.g., a permit decision) have the right to consult with USACE, Alaska District, on a government-to-government basis. Views of each Tribe regarding protected rights and resources will be accorded due consideration in this process. This public notice serves as notification to the Tribes within the area potentially affected by the proposed work and invites their participation in the Federal decision-making process regarding the protected Tribal rights or resources. Consultation may be initiated by the affected Tribe upon written request to the District Commander. This application is being coordinated with federally recognized tribes and other consulting parties. Any comments federal recognized tribes and other consulting parties may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by the work under the requested permit will be considered in USACE's final assessment of the described work.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, reasons for holding a public hearing.

PUBLIC INTEREST: This application will be reviewed in accordance with 33 CFR Parts 320-332, the Regulatory Program of the Corps, and other pertinent laws, regulations, and executive orders. Our evaluation will also follow the guidelines published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Section 404(b) (1) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230). Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; of those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The district will make a permit decision after considering/addressing any comments submitted by the agencies.

COMMENTS: All comments should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this public notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact Andrew Kastning at (907) 753-2554, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, or by email at Andrew.C.Kastning@usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this public notice.

If you do not have internet access, comments may be submitted through the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to the following address:

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ATTN: Alaska District, Regulatory Division (CEPOA-RD) Public
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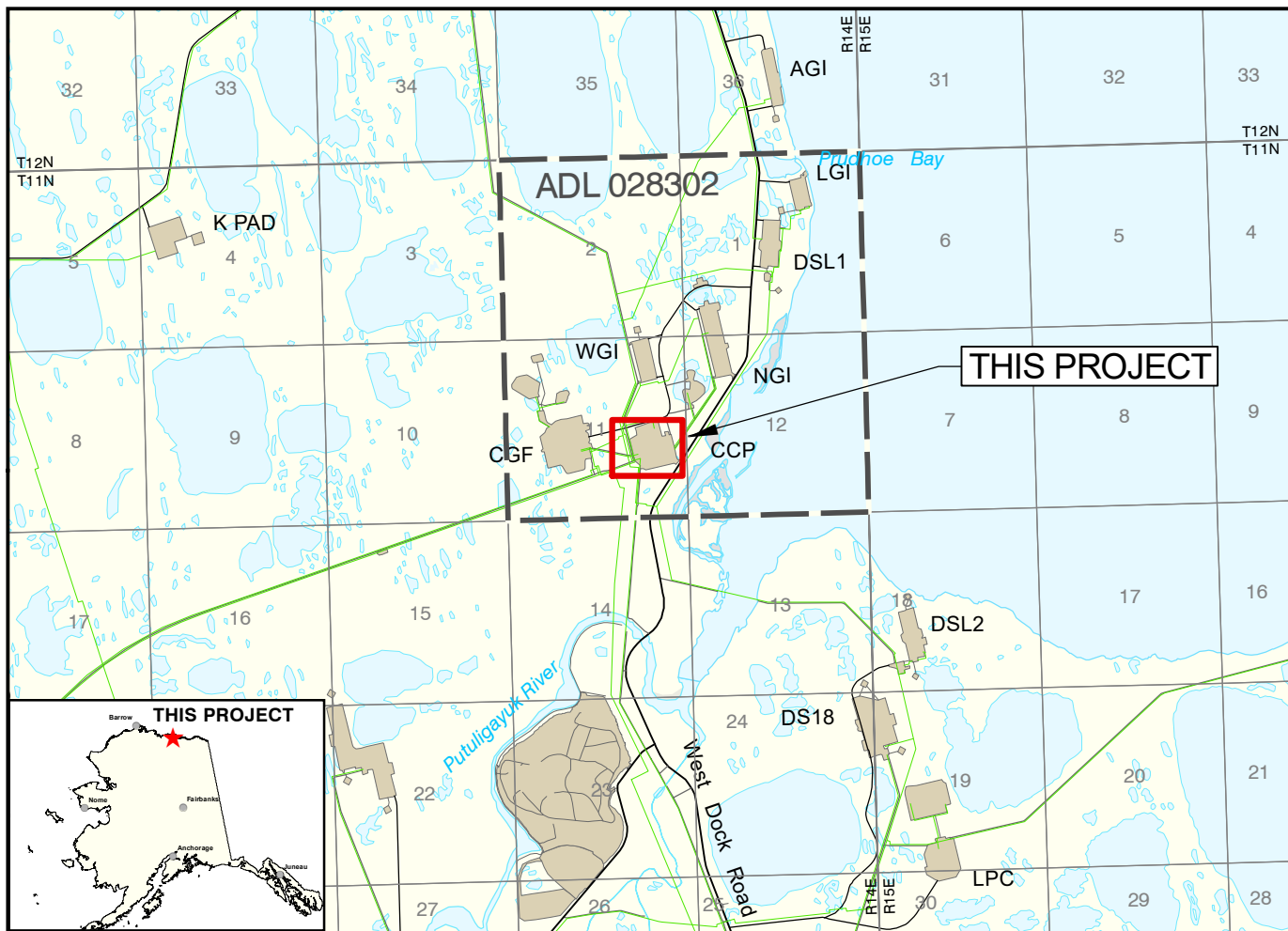
Comments should only be provided through the USPS when electronic transmission is not possible. Precautionary internal mail handling procedures may be instituted to protect our workforce, which may result in longer than normal times to process and receive hard copy submissions. To be considered in our evaluation, comments submitted through the USPS should have a postmark dated on, or prior to, the close of the comment period.

Please note that submitted comments in response to this Public Notice become part of our administrative record and, as such, may be available to the public under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Thank you for your interest in our Nation's water resources.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be issued or denied under the following authority:

(X) Discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States – Section 404 Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the guidelines set forth under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 230).

Project drawings are enclosed with this public notice.



This map is based on U.S.G.S quad Beechey Point (B-3) and on the Unit Operator's Facility Maps.



GENERAL PROJECT LOCATION:

PRUDHOE BAY UNIT - CENTRAL COMPRESSOR PAD

NAD83

LAT. = 70° 19' 12.117" / DD 70.320033

LONG. = -148° 30' 00.528" / DD -148.500147

ALASKA STATE PLANE ZONE 4, NAD83

X = 1,825,404.59 FEET

Y = 5,968,760.62 FEET

ADL # 028302 SEC. 11 T11N, R14E UMIAT M.

DATUM: MEAN SEA LEVEL

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER:

STATE OF ALASKA

HILCORP NORTH SLOPE, LLC

**PRUDHOE BAY UNIT CCP
CCP FLARE LINE
GRAVEL INFILL
VICINITY MAP**

DATE;
November 2025

SCALE:
1" = 2 Miles

FIGURE:
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