

## Newcomb, Grace R (DNR)

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**To:** Newcomb, Grace R (DNR)  
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**Subject:** RE: LAQ: ADL 234153 - Tutka's MSC - New MSA for Reissuance (2026)

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Hi Grace,

Yes, the Alaska Railroad is included on our notification list along with other agencies (BLM, KPB, DNR, DOT...). ARRC is notified in advance of each blast on the 30-day and 24-hour schedule. Our most recent point of contact is Kate Dueber. We review the posted train schedules in advance. Leading up to the blast, lookouts observe (visually and by listening) the tracks to ensure that no trains are approaching.

Thank you,

Kyle Johnson  
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Thank you for this Kyle.

I also see that the Alaska railroad is maybe 500 feet from the working area of this site. Is there a plan in place for dealing with trains/notifying the AK Railroad? I do not see that in the plan.

**Best,**

**Grace Newcomb**  
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Hi Grace,

Responses to your questions are below:

**Q: I see there are a few public use trails in the area, what is the plan to protect hikers and bikers through the area?**

**A:** Protection of hikers and bikers is addressed in Section 5.6 – *Pedestrian and Offroad Traffic* (i.e., placement of caution signs, and placing guards and lookouts at key points prior to and during blasting operations). Blasting will only be cleared to proceed after lookouts affirm that the blasting zone is clear of pedestrian and off-road traffic.

**Q: Is the plan to fully block/close nearby roads and trails during blasting?**

**A:** The only road closure that applies is along the Seward Hwy as mentioned in Section 5.5 – *Road Closures*, a condition that was established for the most recent blasting event. This will include keeping traffic out of the adjacent waste transfer station and exclude traffic from entering along that stretch of highway from connected side streets.

**Q: Also, is Advanced Blasting Services LLC bringing the explosives in? Will there be explosive storage on site? What is the security related on this?**

**A:** ABS must transport explosives to the quarry, sometimes a day before conducting a blast. Blasting agents will be briefly stored in a Type 5 Magazine. Blasting caps and boosters will be stored in separate, additional, Type 2 Magazines. Each magazine is a locked containment, protected from tampering.

**Q: Lastly, under 5.5, can the language please be updated to match the intent of 4.5 such that the signs *will* be posted, rather than being available for posting.**

**A:** I'll update Section 5.5 to state...

Appropriate temporary traffic control signs (e.g., "Road Work Ahead", "Be Prepared to Stop", "Flagger" (symbol)) will be staged along the highway for each blasting event/road closure according to an approved temporary traffic control plan.

I'll wait to address any additional questions you may have before sending out an updated plan.

Thank you,

Kyle Johnson  
Tutka, LLC

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Hello Kyle!

I reviewed the blasting plan and insurance documents. Insurance looks good, thank you for the update.

I just want to know a little bit more on the blasting plan; I see there are a few public use trails in the area, what is the plan to protect hikers and bikers through the area? Is the plan to fully block/close nearby roads and trails during blasting? Also, is Advanced Blasting Services LLC bringing the explosives in? Will there be explosive storage on site? What is the security related on this?

Lastly, under 5.5, can the language please be updated to match the intent of 4.5 such that the signs *will* be posted, rather than being available for posting.

**Best,**

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