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CWA 401 Water Quality Certification Request

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Details

Site: Clam Gulch Pad

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Form Input

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Instructions for filling out the 401 Prefiling Meeting Request Form are located on the Alaska DEC website at the link below.
401 Prefiling Meeting Request Form Instructions

Agents: For Delegation of Authority to act on behalf of the applicant in processing the application, use the following form, have signed, and upload with application.

- Delegation of Authority - 401 Application

Contact Information (1 of 2)

Required Contacts

The following **Contact Roles are *REQUIRED***. Please select the appropriate role(s) for each contact and complete the contact details. Multiple role(s) may be assigned to each unique individual.

- **Applicant** (Responsible Party)
- **Billing Contact**

Contact Role(s)
Billing Contact
Applicant

Contact

Prefix
NONE PROVIDED

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Project / Facility Site Info

Identify the applicable federal license or permit

A copy of the federal permit or license application is required to be submitted with the request for the water quality certification. (18 AAC 15.130, 18 AAC 15.180)

Federal Agency
Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

Permit License Number (ex. USACE: POA-XXXX-XXXX; FERC: FERC-xxxx-xxxx; EPA: AK#######)
POA-2026-00454

Project Name or Title
Clam Gulch Pad

Primary Receiving Waterbody Name
NONE PROVIDED

Estimated Project Dates (+/- 30 days)

Project Estimated Start Date	Project Estimated End/Completion Date
12/01/2026	05/15/2027

Approximate date(s) when any Discharge(s) may commence (+/- 30 days)

Description	Discharge Estimated Start Date	Discharge Estimated End Date
NONE PROVIDED	*NONE PROVIDED*	*NONE PROVIDED*

Project Description (Nature of Activity, include all features)
Hilcorp Alaska, LLC proposes to construct a gravel pad and access point, widen an existing road, and install a 2-foot by 80-foot corrugated metal culvert through the placement of clean gravel fill into area wetlands, near the census-designated place of Clam Gulch, Alaska.

Project Purpose (Describe the reason(s) for discharge)
The purpose of the project is to support natural resource development activities in the area.

Is any portion of the work already complete?
No

Description of current activity site conditions
Private Land

Relevant Site Data, Photographs that Represent Current Site Conditions, or other Relevant Documentation
NONE PROVIDED
Comment
NONE PROVIDED

Is this a linear project? (i.e., utility line, road, etc.)
No

Project Address
[NO STREET ADDRESS SPECIFIED]
[NO CITY SPECIFIED], AK *[NO ZIP CODE SPECIFIED]*

Visit the link below to help with conversion between DMS and Latitude/Longitude
DSM - Lat/Long converter

Project Location
60.245498,151.380019

Visit the following link if you need to convert the lat/long to get the **PLSS information**
Converter for Section, Township, and Range

PLSS Location (Public Land Survey System)

State Tax Parcel ID	Borough/Municipality	Meridian	Section	Township	Range
NONE PROVIDED	Kenai Peninsula Borough	Seward	21	2	12

Directions to Site
NONE PROVIDED

Federal Agency Contact (1 of 1)

Have you been working with anyone in the Federal Agency?
Yes

Federal Contact Role
USACE

Federal Agency Contact

First Name **Last Name**
John Sargent

Title
NONE PROVIDED

Organization Name
USACE

Phone Type **Number** **Extension**
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Dredge Material to be Discharged

Is dredging involved?
No

Tier Analysis

A tier analysis is comprised of a layered approach to determine the need for testing the dredge material to aid in generating physical, chemical, toxicity and bioaccumulation information, but not more information than is necessary to make factual determinations.
The tier analysis is a series of tiers (I – IV) or levels of intensity (and cost) of investigation. It is necessary to proceed through the tiers only until information is sufficient to make factual determinations, no further testing is required.

- **Tier I - Site Evaluation and History**. The initial tier (Tier I) uses readily available, existing information (including all previous testing). For certain dredge materials with readily apparent potential for environmental impact (or lack thereof), information collected in Tier I may be sufficient for making factual determinations.
- **Tier II - Chemical Testing** is concerned solely with sediment and water chemistry.
- **Tier III - Biological Testing (bioassay and/or bioaccumulation testing)** is concerned with well-defined, nationally accepte toxicity and bioaccumulation testing procedures.
- **Tier IV - Special Studies** allows for case-specific laboratory and field testing, and is intended to for use in unusual circumstances.

For more information regarding a Tier analysis, see below references

- EPA Inland Testing Manual
- USACE Seattle District Civil Works DMMP User Manual

Fill Material to be Discharged

Will Fill Material be Discharged?
Yes

For fill material, identify the material source
Gravel

Types of material being discharged and the amount of each type (cubic yards)

Type	Cubic Yards
Gravel	17,509

Surface area in (acres or linear feet) of wetlands or other waters filled

Surface Area	Units
3.54	Acres

Discharge Location Information (1 of 1)

Identify the location and nature of any potential discharge that may result from the proposed project and the location of receiving waters

Discharge Location ID (001, 002, 003, - increment by one)
001

NOTE: if you have a receiving water that is Wetlands, just enter the generic term "Wetlands". Do not enter "Wetlands of Tanana River", for example.

Please select 'Other' if your waterbody is not in the list below.
You can start typing the name of the waterbody to filter the list.

Receiving Waterbody / Wetlands Name
wetland

Discharge Location
60.245498,-151.380019

Other Pollutant Sources

Contaminated Site Information

Determine if your project is **within 1,500 feet** of a known Alaska DEC Contaminated Site. See the *Alaska DEC Contaminated Web Map* below. This will help you to identify if any potential pollutants/parameters of concern may be present on your project site., see DEC's website:

- Contaminated Sites Web Map
- Contaminated Sites Database Search website

Is the project within 1,500 feet of a known contaminated site?
No

Parameters of Concern that may be present in discharge

Parameter(s) of Concern

Identify the parameters of concern that may be present in your discharge from the dredge and/or fill material.

Note, **TURBIDITY** and **SEDIMENT** are routine parameters associated with dredge and/or fill activities.

Consider if other parameters may be present from past activities in the area such as contamianted site data, impaired waters or other relevant water quality data, or other parameters of concern identified during the application process.

Parameter(s)
Other: Gravel

If known, describe respective concentrations, persistence, and potential impacts to the receiving water and data on parameters that may alter the effects of the discharge to the receiving water
N/A

Impaired Waters

An ***impaired waterbody*** are those listed as a **Category 4 [304(b)] or Category 5 [303(d)]** in the current EPA approved *Alaska's Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report.*

For the most recently *Approved Integrated Water Quality Monitoring And Assessment Report (Integrated Report)*, see DEC's website:

- **Integrated Water Quality Monitoring And Assessment Report** https://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality/integrated-report

Does a discharge of any parameter identified above occur to an impaired waterbody?
No

If determined necessary and requested by the Department, submit sufficient and credible baseline water quality information for the receiving water which meets the requirements of 18 AAC 70.016(a)(6)(A-C).

Avoidance & Minimization BMPs and Mitigation Measures

Describe how impacts are being avoided and minimized on the project site. Include best management practices (BMPs) for sediment and erosion controls that will be implemented to minimize environmental impacts, and any methods and means proposed to monitor the discharge and the equipment or measures planned to treat, control, or manage the discharge.

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No impact to waters. No water authorization is needed.

Avoidance Measures
Project design has been developed to avoid impacts to wetlands and surface waters wherever practicable. Work limits have been constrained to previously disturbed areas, and construction activities are confined to the minimum footprint necessary for the pad expansion.

Minimization Measures
Where complete avoidance is not feasible, impacts are minimized by implementing erosion and sediment controls, maintaining defined work boundaries, and scheduling activities to reduce disturbance. Standard BMPs will be used to limit soil displacement, manage stormwater, and prevent offsite transport of materials.

Mitigation Measures
To offset any remaining unavoidable impacts, the project will employ site stabilization, revegetation of disturbed areas, and long term erosion control practices. All mitigation measures will follow agency-approved standards to ensure protection of nearby water resources and overall site recovery

Social / Economic Importance

Social or Economic Importance

(18 AAC 70.016(c)(5): Provide information that demonstrates the accommodation of important social or economic development. The applicant shall complete either a social OR economic importance analysis (or both) for each affected community in the area where the receiving water for the proposed discharge is located.

Social Importance Analysis
NONE PROVIDED

Economic Importance Analysis
Commercial activities
Access to recourses

Describe Social and/or Economic Importance of the project
Infrastructure/Access to natural gas resources.

Description of Social or Economic Importance, if needed
NONE PROVIDED
Comment
NONE PROVIDED

List of Other Permits or Certificates

*Would include but is not restricted to zoning, building, and flood plain permits.

Include a list of all other federal, interstate, tribal, state, territorial, or local agency authorizations required for the proposed project, including all approvals or denials already received.

Agency	Type of Approval*	Identification Number	Date Applied	Date Approved	Date Denied
AD DNR DOG	Unit Plan of Operations	*NONE PROVIDED*	*NONE PROVIDED*	*NONE PROVIDED*	*NONE PROVIDED*
USACE	Individual Permit	*NONE PROVIDED*	*NONE PROVIDED*	*NONE PROVIDED*	*NONE PROVIDED*

Other Agency or Local Contacts (1 of 1)

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Attachments

Copy of Federal Application (USACE, EPA, or FERC, etc.)

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Comment
NONE PROVIDED

Figures and/or Drawings/Plan Sets. To include a map or diagram of the proposed activity site, including the proposed activity boundaries in relation to local streets, roads, and highways.

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Comment
NONE PROVIDED

Document Attachments

20260821_Wetland Delineation Summary Report_Clam Gulch Pad.pdf - 11/04/2026 11:00 AM

Comment
NONE PROVIDED

Delegation of Authority for Submission of Application

NONE PROVIDED

Comment
NONE PROVIDED

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1) in the case of corporations, by a principal executive officer of at least the level of vice president or his duly authorized representative, if the representative is responsible for the overall management of the project or operation;
2) in the case of a partnership, by a general partner;
3) in the case of a sole proprietorship, by the proprietor; and
4) in the case of a municipal, state, federal or other public facility, by either a principal executive officer, ranking elected official, or other duly authorized employee.
The project proponent hereby certifies that all information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. The project proponent hereby requests that the certifying authority review and take action on this CWA 401 certification request within the applicable reasonable period of time.

Agreements and Signature(s)

Certification Statement

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Signed By Stetson Sannes on 11/04/2026 at 11:16 AM

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