



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Alaska District

# Public Notice of Application for Permit

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<b>PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:</b>	<b>November 19, 2012</b>
<b>EXPIRATION DATE:</b>	<b>December 20, 2012</b>
<b>REFERENCE NUMBER:</b>	<b>POA-1980-210-M3</b>
<b>WATERWAY:</b>	<b>Beaufort Sea</b>

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.

Comments on the described work, with the reference number, 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 **Mr. John Klutz** at (907) 753-753-5553, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, by fax at (907) 753-5567, or by email at **john.r.klutz@usace.army.mil** if further information is desired concerning this notice.

APPLICANT: Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., 6900 Arctic Boulevard, Anchorage, Alaska 99518, POC: Ms. Renee A. Huntman 907-351-6396

LOCATION: The proposed project is located within Section 18, T. 10 N., R. 15 E., Umiat River Meridian; USGS Quad Map Beechey Point A-3; Latitude 70.225° N., Longitude 148.416° W.; ADL# 47660 in Deadhorse, Alaska.

PURPOSE: The applicant's stated purpose is to: expand an existing fill pad to the southwest to maintain safe traffic patterns when they reorganize the placement of buildings. This new gravel will fill an area of wetlands between the existing pad, Spine Road and an existing pipeline.

PROPOSED WORK:

Discharge up to 9,000 cubic yards of clean fill material onto approximately 1.09 acres (47,265 sq. ft.) of emergent wetlands.

All work would be performed in accordance with the enclosed plan (sheets 1-3), dated September 2012.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This pad was initially installed prior to the need of authorization requirements. The first modification to the pad was in 1980. This is the third modification to the pad.

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.

**The follow are the applicant's statements to make them clearer and easier to understand they may have been summarized.**

a. Avoidance: There are no practicable, non-wetland alternatives for the pad expansion. Construction will occur during the winter and utilize existing roads for construction of the gravel infrastructure to avoid additional tundra and soils damage. All equipment and vehicles will remain on the existing pads and roads for the construction period.

b. Minimization: The project is sited to avoid streams and rivers, and most high value wetlands to the greatest extent practicable. Project features have also been designed to minimize footprint and yet safely and practicably extend the existing pad.

c. Compensatory Mitigation: The project will pursue compensatory mitigation via an In-Lieu Fee (ILF) program within the Arctic Coastal Plain (ACP) physiographic province.

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.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The latest published version of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRs) has been consulted for the presence or absence of historic properties, including those listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. There are no listed or eligible properties in the vicinity of the worksite. Consultation of the AHRs constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Commander at this time, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. This application is being coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Any comments SHPO may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by work under the requested permit will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management 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: The Alaska District 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 the 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 right or resource. Consultation may be initiated by the affected Tribe upon written request to the District Commander during the public comment period.

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.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts, which the proposed activity may have on the public interest, requires a careful weighing of all the factors that become relevant in each particular case. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The outcome of the general balancing process would determine whether to authorize a proposal, and if so, the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur. The decision should reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, must be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore 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. For activities involving 404 discharges, a permit will be denied if the discharge that would be authorized by such permit would not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines. Subject to the preceding sentence and any other applicable guidelines or criteria (see Sections 320.2 and 320.3), a permit will be granted unless the District Commander determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

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

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 and a Notice of Application for State Water Quality Certification are enclosed with this Public Notice.

District Commander  
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Enclosures

# STATE OF ALASKA

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION OF WATER  
401 Certification Program  
Non-Point Source Water Pollution Control Program

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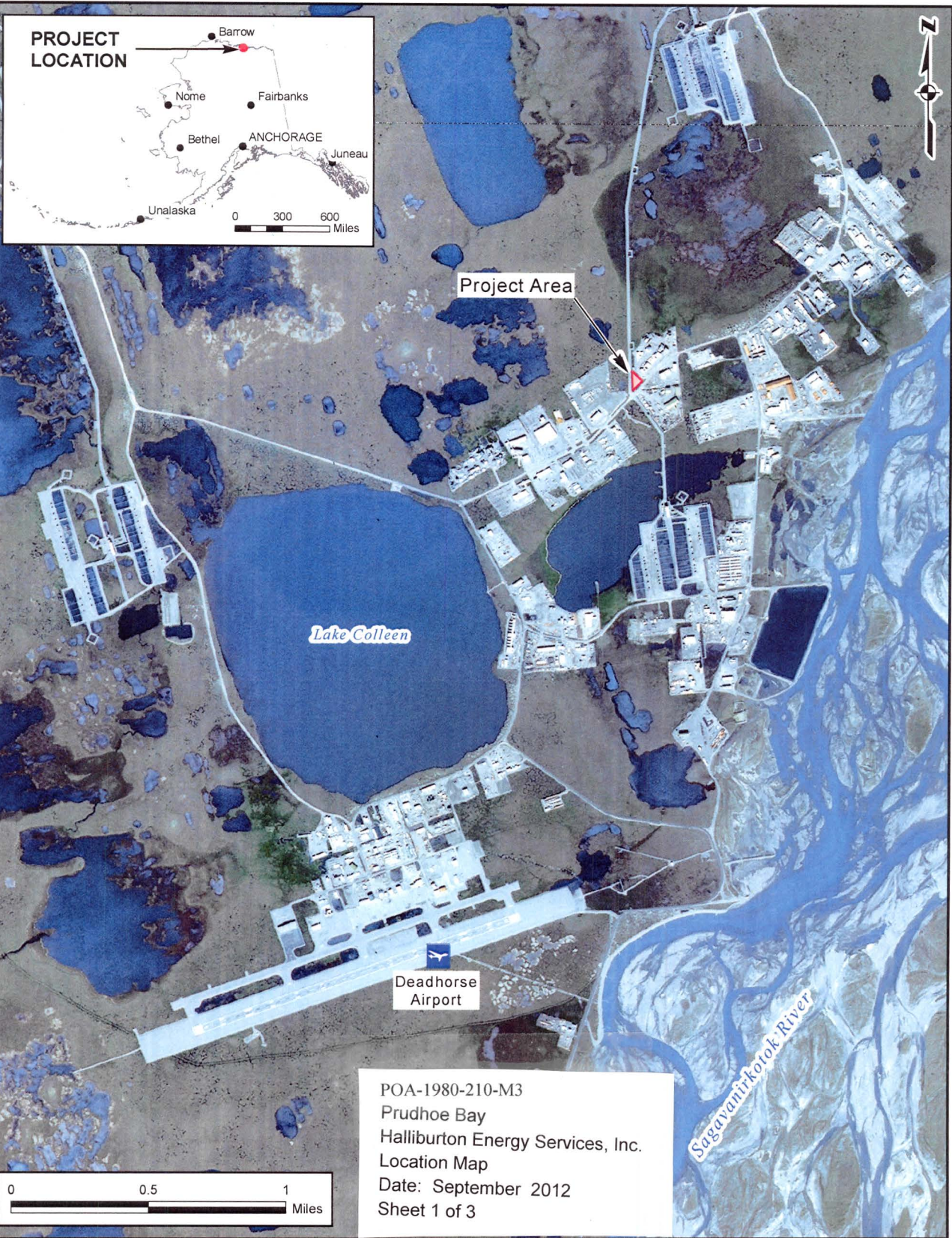
NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
FOR  
STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct an activity that might result in a discharge into navigable waters, in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL95-217), also must apply for and obtain certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation that the discharge will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. By agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Conservation, application for a Department of the Army permit to discharge dredged or fill material into navigable waters under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act also may serve as application for State Water Quality Certification.

Notice is hereby given that the application for a Department of the Army Permit described in the Corps of Engineers' Public Notice No. POA-1980-210-M3, Beaufort Sea, serves as application for State Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

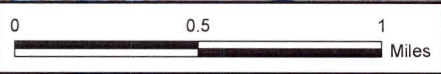
After reviewing the application, the Department may certify there is reasonable assurance the activity, and any discharge that might result, will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. The Department also may deny or waive certification.

Any person desiring to comment on the project, with respect to Water Quality Certification, may submit written comments to the address above by the expiration date of the Corps of Engineer's Public Notice.



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 Prudhoe Bay  
 Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.  
 Location Map  
 Date: September 2012  
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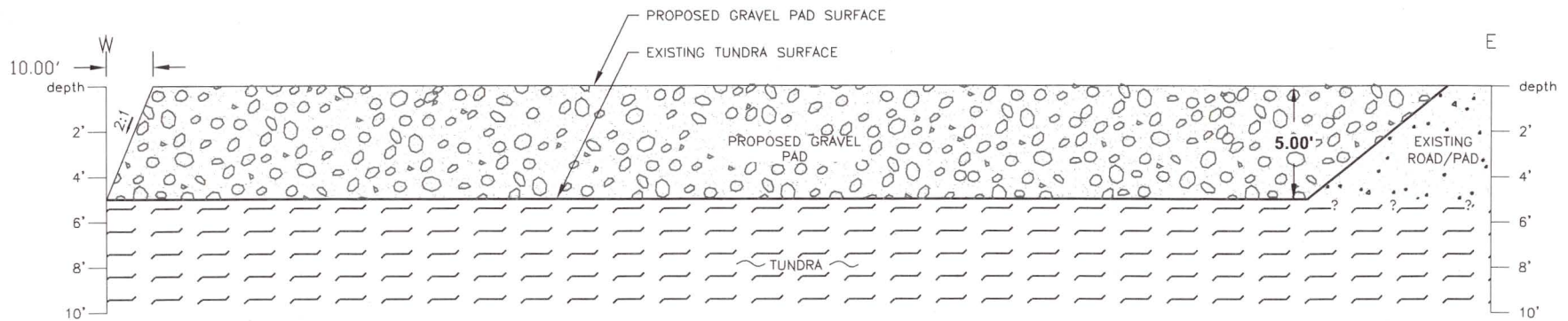
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**LOCATION MAP**

HALLIBURTON ENERGY SERVICES  
 HALLIBURTON PAD EXPANSION - 404 APPLICATION  
 Prudhoe Bay, Alaska

FIGURE

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 Prudhoe Bay  
 Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.  
 Cross Sectional View  
 Date: September 2012  
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**VERTICAL SCALE EXAGGERATION**  
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 FEET  
**HORIZONTAL SCALE: 1" = 35'**  
**VERTICAL SCALE: 1" = 7'**



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**CROSS-SECTION A-A'**

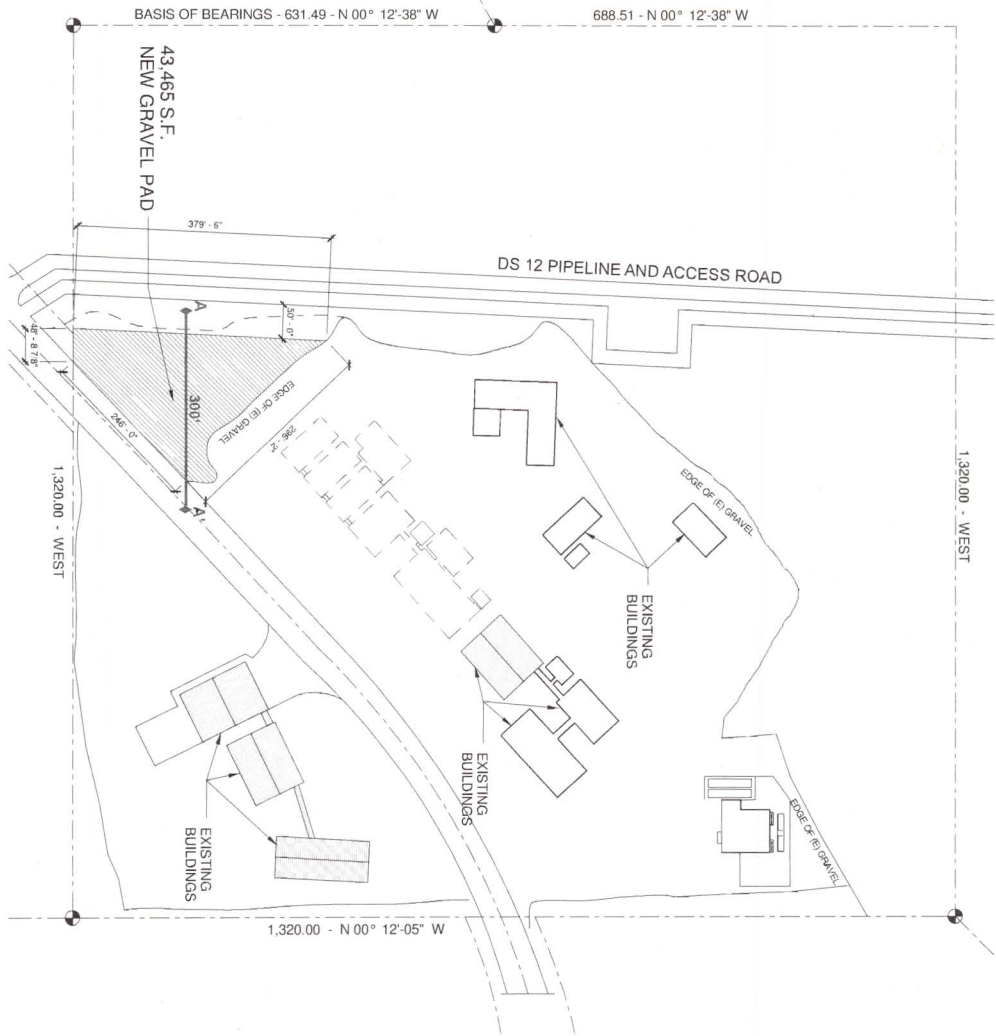
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FIGURE

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**HALLIBURTON**



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**PAD EXPANSION PLAN VIEW**  
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**FIGURE**  
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