

Corps ID: POA-2006-753

Applicant: PacRim Coal, LP

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Description of Proposed Action: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Alaska District, will prepare a draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to address the statutory responsibilities set forth under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for the proposed Chuitna Coal project. PacRim Coal, LP (PRC) proposes to construct, operate, and reclaim a surface coal mine and export facility within the Beluga Coal Field of Southcentral Alaska, approximately 45 miles west of Anchorage, with both on and off-shore facilities proposed. The applicant's stated purpose is to economically extract, transport to tidewater, and export approximately 244 million tons of low-sulfur subbituminous coal from the 5,050-acre LMU 1 unit of PRC's coal lease holdings in the Beluga Coal Field.

Location: The proposed project facilities would be located on the west side of Cook Inlet in the Chuitna Watershed, northwest of the Village of Tyonek and 45 miles west of Anchorage, in the Kenai Peninsula Borough of Alaska.

Additional Information: A previous project design was proposed by Diamond Alaska Coal Company, a subsidiary of Maxus Energy Corporation, and evaluated in an environmental impact statement (EIS) prepared by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1990. The project was not constructed and Diamond Alaska Coal Company subsequently transferred the coal lease to PRC. Since that time, there have been changes in the proposed project design and in the regulatory requirements and the Corps is now the lead federal agency.

More information can also be found at the following website maintained by AECOM: <http://chuitnaseis.com/>

EIS Milestones

Completion Date

Publish Notice of Intent to Prepare EIS

January 4, 2011

Publish Notice of Availability and Issue Draft EIS

Hold DEIS Public Meeting

Publish Notice of Availability and Issue Final EIS

Complete Record of Decision

Documents:

Notice of Intent to Prepare EIS

Draft EIS (pending)

Public Notice for DEIS (pending)

Final EIS (pending)

Public Notice for FEIS (pending)