



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Alaska District

Public Notice of Application for Permit

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Regulatory Division (1145)
CEPOA-RD
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Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-4927

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: January 7, 2016

EXPIRATION DATE: February 5, 2016

REFERENCE NUMBER: POA-2012-857

WATERWAY: Little Salcha River

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 John Sargent at (907) 474-2166, by fax at (907) 474-2164, or by email at John.C.Sargent@usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this notice.

APPLICANT: Central Monofill Services Incorporated, Shane Durand, 311 N. Sitka Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501

AGENT: Travis/Peterson Environmental Consulting Incorporated, Edmond Packee, 329 2nd Street, Fairbanks, Alaska 90701

LOCATION: The project site is located within Section 34. T 4 S., R. 1E., Fairbanks Meridian; USGS Quad Map Big Delta C-6; Latitude 64.5190° N., Longitude 146.9077° W.; near Salcha, Alaska.

SPECIAL AREA DESIGNATION: None

PURPOSE: The applicant's stated purpose is to provide additional land fill disposal area and to use on-site materials for monofill cover material.

PROPOSED WORK: Place 3.75 acres of fill in wetlands to expand the existing Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation permitted monofill landfill. The landfill accepts regulated and non-regulated asbestos containing material and other inert waste material for disposal. The proposed work would also result in 1.0 acres of discharge of fill material in wetlands during construction of a proposed wetland mitigation area. All work would be performed in accordance with the enclosed plan (sheets 1-4), dated 10/7/15.

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: The wetlands cannot be avoided because there is not sufficient space in uplands to expand the existing facility.

b. Minimization: Impacts to wetlands would be minimized by using best management practices during construction and placing berms to isolate the facility from wetlands. The existing facility is wholly within upland areas.

c. Compensatory Mitigation: As compensatory mitigation the applicant proposes creation of 3.3 acres of a wetland and open water area on the property site. This would include a 1.0 acre of shallow littoral shoreline containing emergent wetland vegetation around the perimeter of the pond to enhance aquatic, wetland and wildlife habitat functions.

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.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: No threatened or endangered species are known to use the project area. Therefore, there would be no effect on any designated or proposed critical habitat, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844). Therefore, no consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is required. However, any comments they may have concerning endangered or threatened wildlife or plants or their critical habitat 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. We have determined the described activity would not adversely affect EFH in 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 authorities:

(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 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

ANCHORAGE

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
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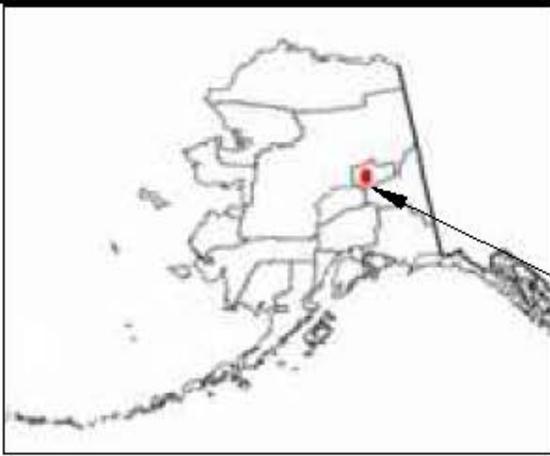
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

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-2012-857, Little Salcha River**, 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.



PROJECT LOCATION

POA-2012-857,
Little Salcha River



APPLICANT: CENTRAL MONOFILL SERVICES, INC.
 FILE NO: POA-2012-00857
 WATERWAY: LITTLE SALCHA RIVER
 PROPOSED ACTIVITY: PROPOSED FILL PAD
 SEC 34 T4S R4E W. FAIRBANKS
 LAT: 64.5190 LONG: -146.9077
 DATE:

LOCATION
MAP

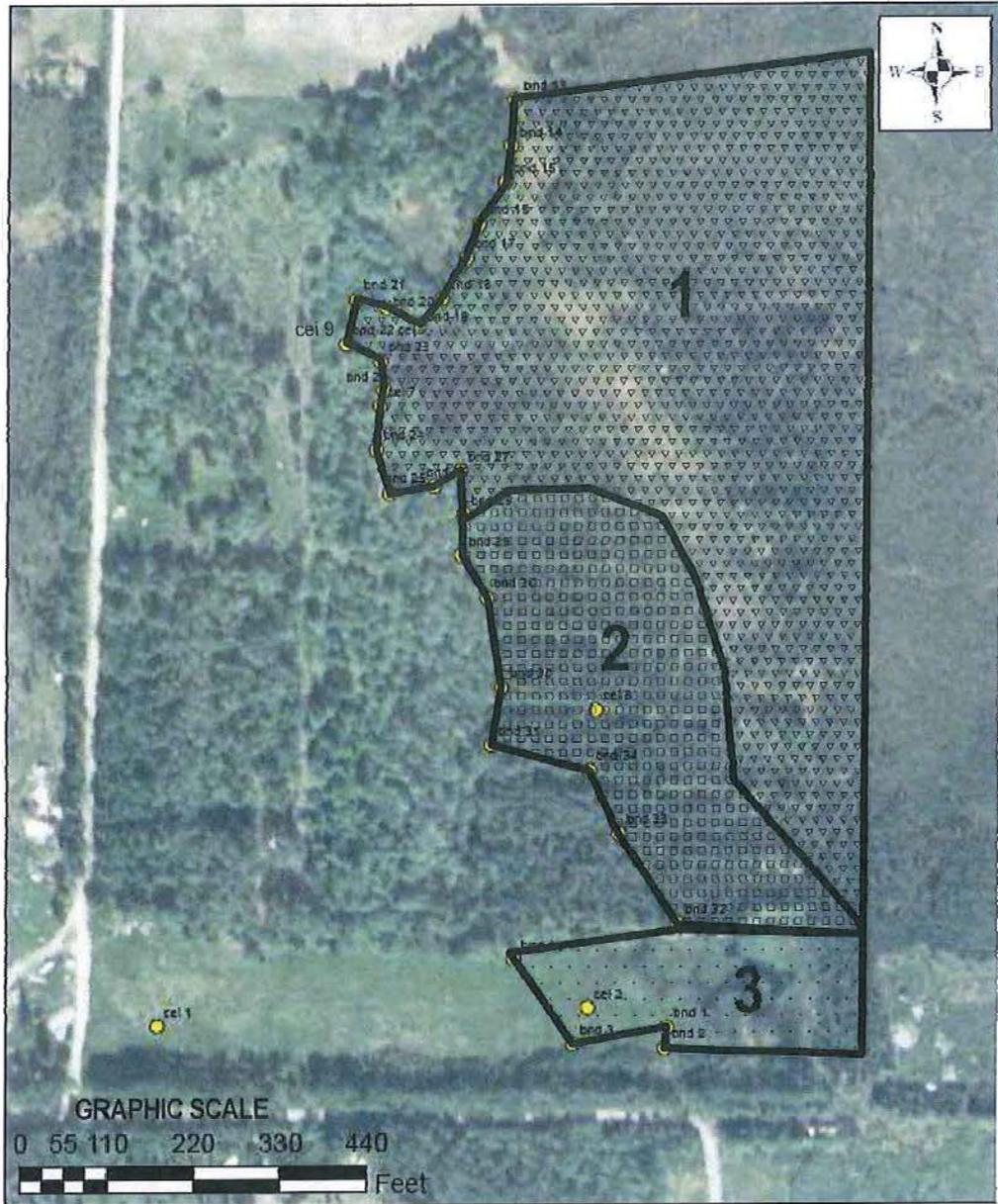
CANADAY HOMESTEAD
 INERT WASTE MONOFILL
 SALCHA, AK



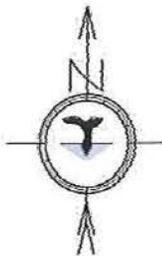
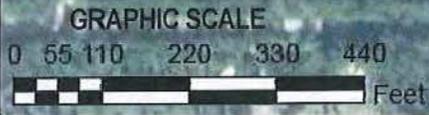
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 REVIEWED: LAH
 DATE: 10/7/15

SHEET

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-  PSS
-  PEM
-  UPL



Environmental Management, Inc.
 Activity: Preliminary Wetland Delineation
 Purpose: Delineate Wetlands on TL 3409, 3405, & 3403
 COE File Number:
 Waterway Name & Number: Little Salcha River
 Date of Drawings: POA-2012-857,
 Little Salcha River

TRAVIS/PETERSON ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING, INC.
 329 2ND STREET
 FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99701

PROJECT No: 1470-01

APPLICANT: CENTRAL MONOFILL SERVICES, INC.
 FILE NO: PCA-2012-00857
 WATERWAY: LITTLE SALCHA RIVER
 PROPOSED ACTIVITY: PROPOSED FILL PAD
 SEC 34 T-4S R-4E H FAIRBANKS
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**WETLANDS
 DELINEATION**

CANADAY HOMESTEAD
 INERT WASTE MONOFILL
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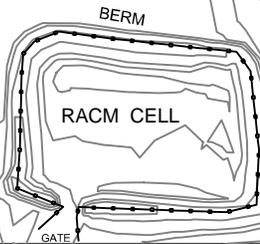
1320' +/-

LIMIT OF WETLANDS
WETLANDS

1320' +/-
TAX LOT 3500

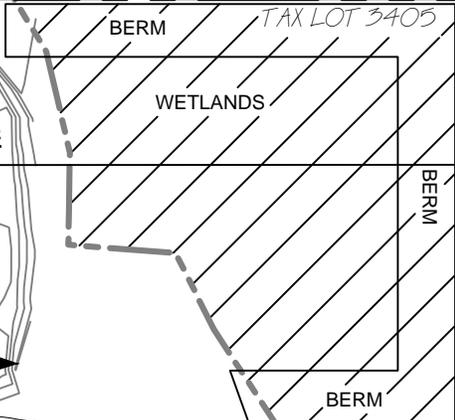
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1320' +/-

GRAVEL DRIVEWAY

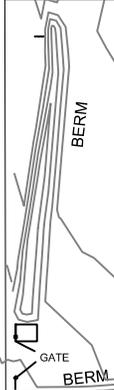


WETLANDS

TAX LOT 3409



CURRENT WASTE AREA



SECTION 34
SECTION 35

TAX LOT 3403

1320.7' +/-

CANADAY ROAD

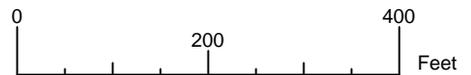
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- WETLANDS & PROPOSED FILL PAD AREA (151,365 FT²)

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Little Salcha River



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FILE NO: PDA-2012-00857
WATERWAY: LITTLE SALCHA RIVER
PROPOSED ACTIVITY: PROPOSED FILL PAD
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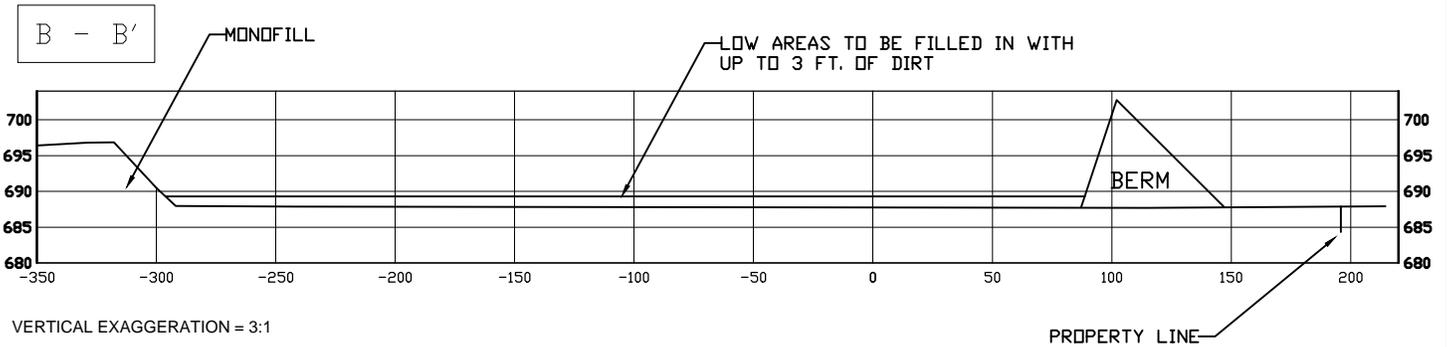
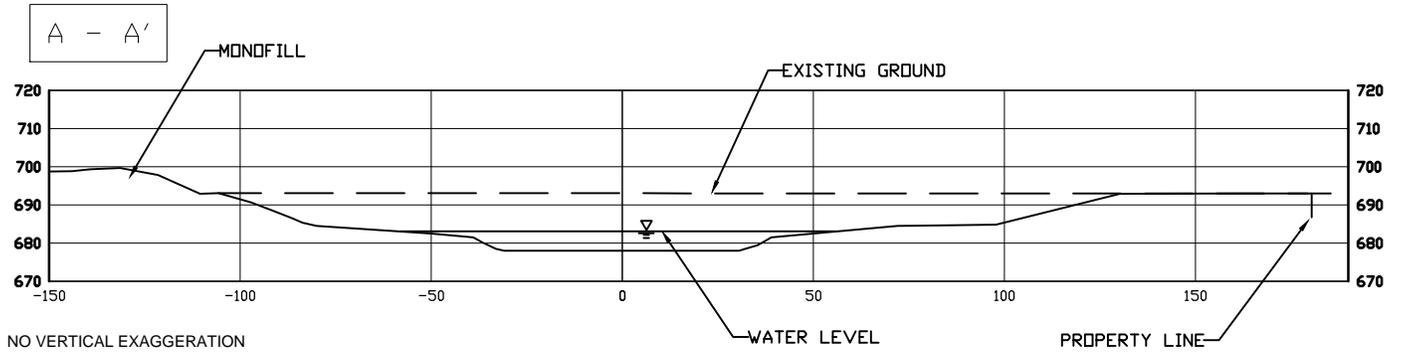
SITE PLAN

CANADAY HOMESTEAD
INERT WASTE MONOFILL
SALCHA, AK



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POA-2012-857,
Little Salcha River

APPLICANT: CENTRAL MONOFILL SERVICES, INC.
FILE NO: PDA-2012-00857
WATERWAY: LITTLE SULCHA RIVER
PROPOSED ACTIVITY: PROPOSED FILL PAD
SEC 34 T.4S R.4E M. FAIRBANKS
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SECTIONS

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SHEET

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