US Army Corps
of Engineers
Alaska District

Public Notice of Application for Permit

Regulatory Branch (1145b)
Post Office Box 6898
Elmendorf AFB, Alaska 99506-6898

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: August 30, 2004

EXPIRATION DATE: September 29, 2004

REFERENCE NUMBER: POA-1999-272-M

WATERWAY NUMBER: Anaktuvuk River

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the attached plan.

APPLICANT: State of Alaska, Department of Public Transportation and Public Facilities, 2301 Peger Road, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-5399 (Attn: Joseph H. Keeney, P.E.).

LOCATION: Sections 17, 8, 5, and 4, T.15S., R.2E., Umiat Meridian; Latitude 68.1496°N., Longitude 151.7234°W., starting at Anaktuvuk Pass, Alaska and heading approximately 2 miles north to the landfill.

WORK: Place approximately 13,000 cubic yards of gravel into approximately 1.5 acres of wetlands.

PURPOSE: Complete the construction of the existing landfill road at Anaktuvuk Pass, Alaska.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A permit authorizing the initial construction of the landfill road was issued in 1999 (Permit number 1999-272), but this permit expired before road construction was completed. Because of the previous review of permit 1999-272, we are issuing this Public Notice for only 15 days.

MITIGATION: None proposed.

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.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT CERTIFICATION: Project is not in a coastal zone.

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.

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 Engineer 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.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION: The Alaska District fully supports tribal self-governance and government-to-government relations between the Federal government and Federally recognized Tribes. This notice invites participation by agencies, Tribes, and members of the public in the Federal decision-making process. In addition, 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 Engineer during the public comment period.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: No threatened or endangered species are known to use the project area.

Preliminarily, the described activity will not affect threatened or endangered species, or their critical habitat designated as endangered or threatened, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844). This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service. 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 proposed work is being evaluated for possible effects to Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) pursuant to the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1996 (MSFCMA), 16 U.S.C. et seq and associated federal regulations found at 50 CFR 600 Subpart K. The Alaska District includes areas of EFH as Fishery Management Plans. We have reviewed the January 20, 1999, North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Environmental Assessment to locate EFH area as identified by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

We have determined that the described activity within the proposed area will not adversely affect EFH, including anadromous fish and federally managed fishery resources.

SPECIAL AREA DESIGNATION: None.

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 decision whether to authorize a proposal, and if so, the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur, are therefore determined by the outcome of the general balancing process. That 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 Engineer 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.

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. Robert W. Jobson, Jr. at (907) 753-2716, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, or by email at Robert.w.jobson@poa02.usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this notice.

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).

A plan and Notice of Application for State Water Quality Certification are attached to this Public Notice.

District Engineer
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Attachments

FRANK H. MURKOWSKI, GOVERNOR

STATE OF ALASKA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

DIVISION OF WATER
401 Certification Program
Non-Point Source Water Pollution Control Program

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-1999-272-M, Anaktuvuk River,** serves as application for State Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

After reviewing the application, the Department may certify that there is reasonable assurance that 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 within 30 days of the date of the Corps of Engineer's Public Notice to:

Department of Environmental Conservation
WQM/401 Certification
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2617
Telephone: (907) 269-6281
FAX: (907) 269-7508

Attachment 2

FRANK H. MURKOWSKI,
GOVERNOR

STATE OF ALASKA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICE OF PROJECT MANAGEMNT AND PERMITTING

ALASKA COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT
550 WEST 7TH AVENUE, SUITE 1660
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501-3568

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given that a request is being filed with the Office of Project Management and Permitting for a consistency determination, as provided in Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended [16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3)], that the project described in the Corps of Engineers Public Notice No. **POA-1999-272-M, Anaktuvuk,** will comply with the Alaska Coastal Management Program and that the project will be conducted in a manner consistent with that program.

The Office of Project Management and Permitting requests your comments, particularly on the proposed project's consistency with the affected local coastal district management program. For more information on the consistency review contact OPMP at (907) 269-7470 or (907) 465-3562, or visit the ACMP web site at http://www.gov.state.ak.us/gdc/Projects/projects.html.

Attachment 3

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

NORTHERN REGION, PRECONSTRUCTION

FRANK H. MURKOWSKI, GOVERNOR

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July 26, 2004

Re: Anaktuvuk Pass Landfill Road
Corps Permit 1999-0272/Anaktuvuk River 1

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Regulatory Branch-North Section
P.O. Box 6898
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REGULATORY BRANCH
Alaska District, Corps of Engineers

Dear Mr. Jobson:

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) is requesting a new Section 404 permit to allow the completion of the Anaktuvuk Pass Landfill Road. As we discussed, the original permit for this project (1999-0272/Anaktuvuk River 1) that was issued to the North Slope Borough has expired.

The project is located within SECTIONS 17, 8, 5, and 4, T15S, R2E, Umiat Meridian; and can be found on USGS Quad Chandler Lake A-3 (Sheet 1 of 2).

ADOT&PF intends to complete this project by adding approximately 10 inches of borrow and 6 inches of surface coarse material to the existing landfill road that was constructed by the North Slope Borough. There is a short stretch (approximately 300 feet in length) where the road passes through a small cut. This area tends to drift in with snow. We are proposing to raise the grade in this area by 3 feet. This will push the toe of the road embankment out further, but it will remain within the original roadway cut. However, the transition areas from the grade raise to "normal" road will impact additional wetland areas not described in the original permit.

Our designers have calculated that the project would involve placing 13,000cy of clean gravel fill into 1.5 acres of wetlands. This does not include the material that will be placed on the existing road surface. A typical section for the final road is enclosed (Sheet 2 of 2).

Material for this project will come from the existing site in Anaktuvuk Pass that has been permitted by the North Slope Borough (POA-1996-774-O). The North Slope Borough has given us permission to operate under their permit at this site, for this project, and a copy of their letter of permission is enclosed.

If you require further information, please contact Sarah Conn, Environmental Analyst, at (907) 451-5106 or e-mail *sarah_conn@dot.state.ak.us.*

Sincerely,

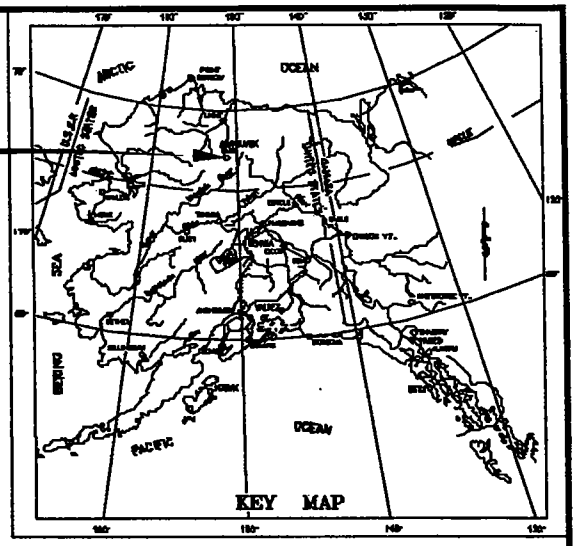
Joseph H. Keeney, P.E.
PD&E Chief

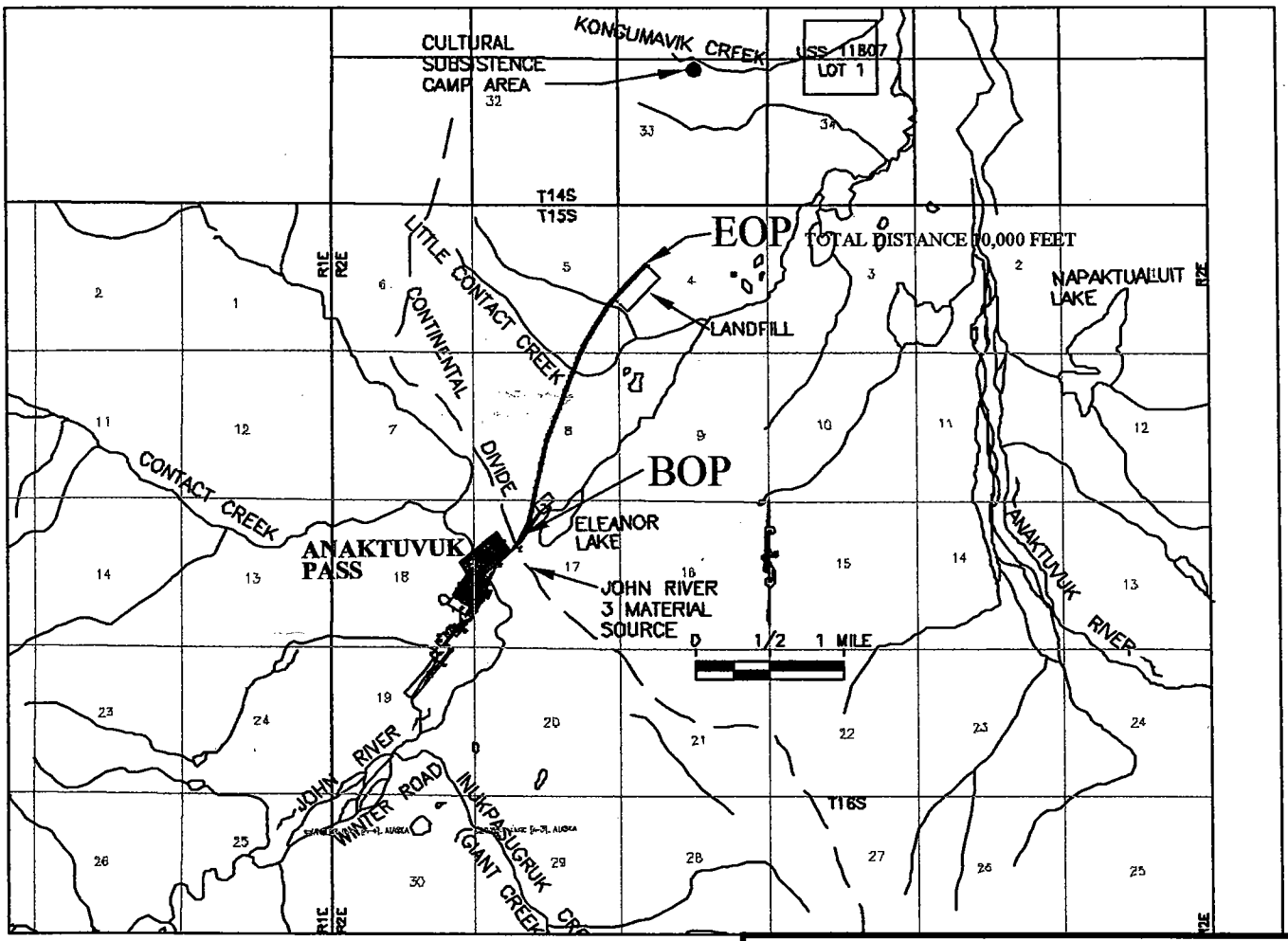
SC/dt

Enclosures: Sheets 1 and 2 (Figures)
Copy of the North Slope Borough Permit Use Agreement to ADOT&PF
Section 404 Permit Application Form

cc: Bill Ballard, Statewide Environmental Coordinator, DOT&PF, Juneau
Patrick Miller, P.E., Engineering Manager, ADOT&PF, Northern Region

PROJECT SITE
ANAKTUVUK PASS
LANDFILL ROAD
STP-0002(135)/61210





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JURISTRICTIONS: NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH, CITY OF ANAKTUVUK PASS, NUNAMIUT CORPORATION, AND VILLAGE OF ANAKTUVUK PASS.
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PROJECT SITE
ANAKTUVUK PASS
LANDFILL ROAD
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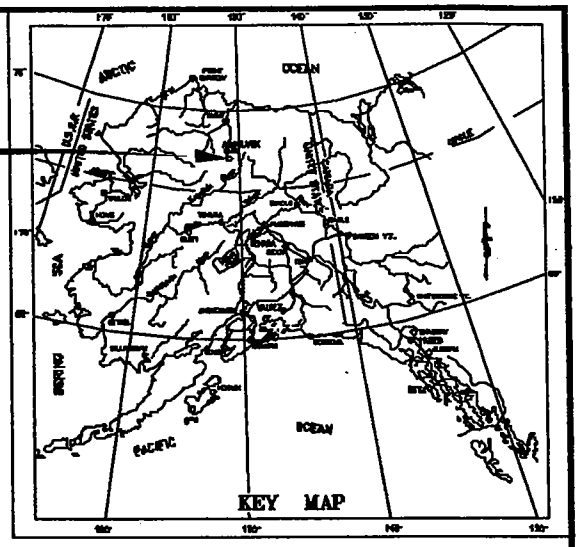

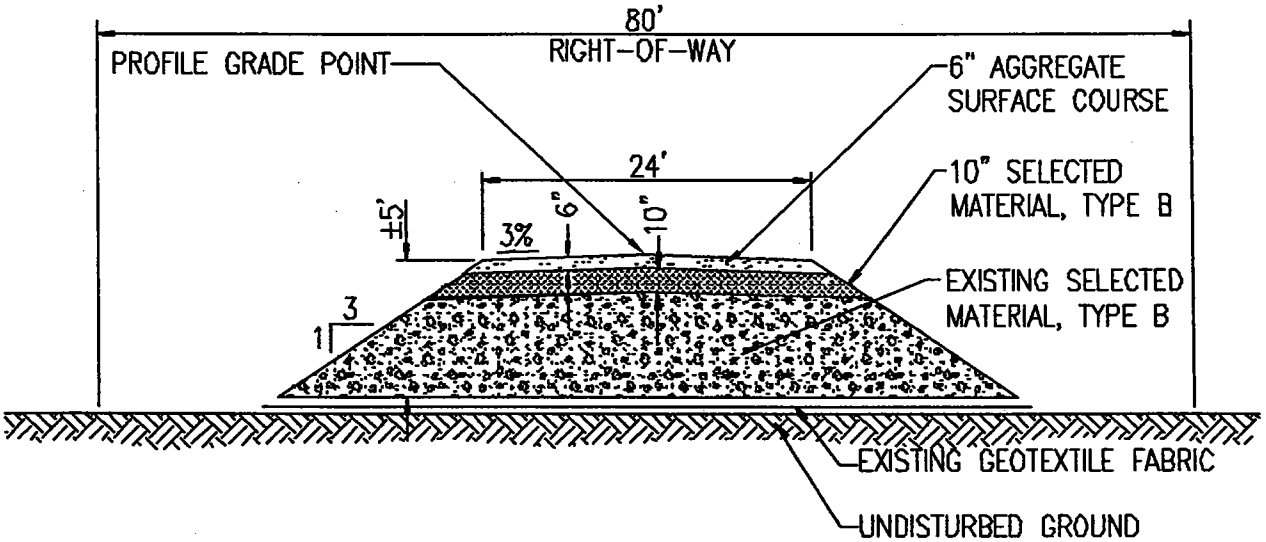

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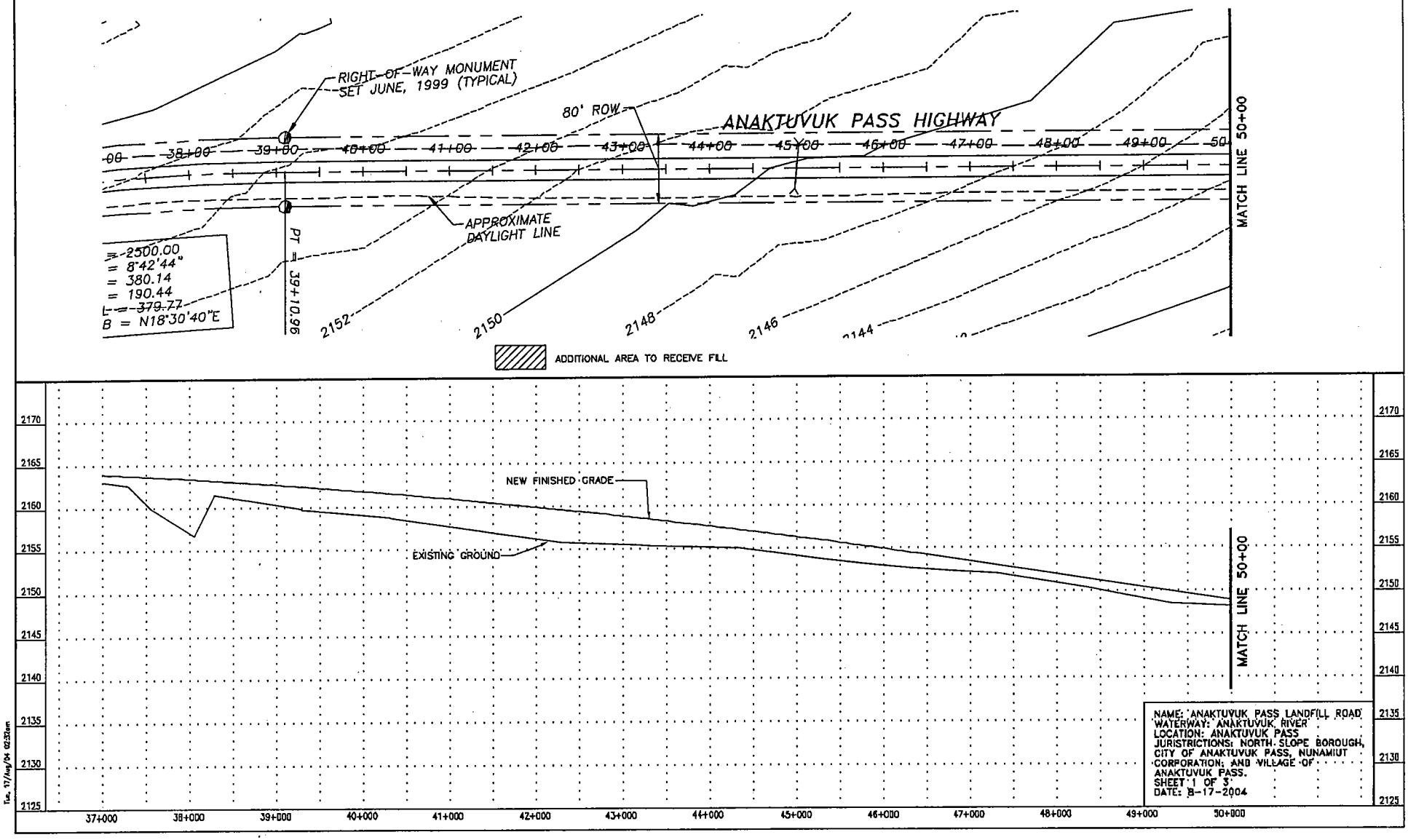

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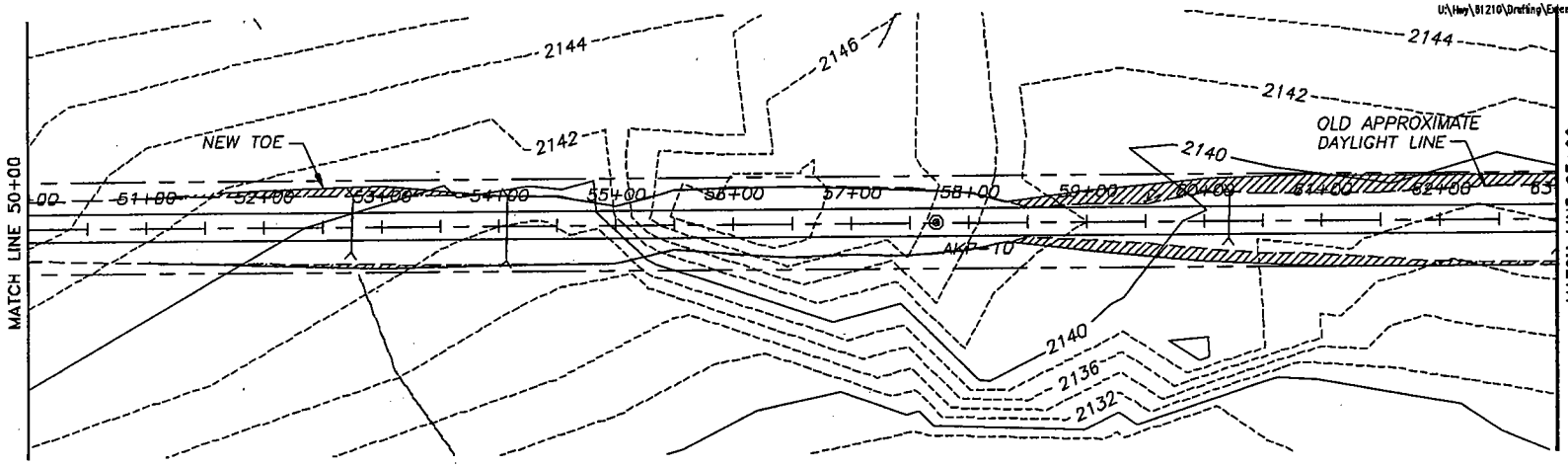

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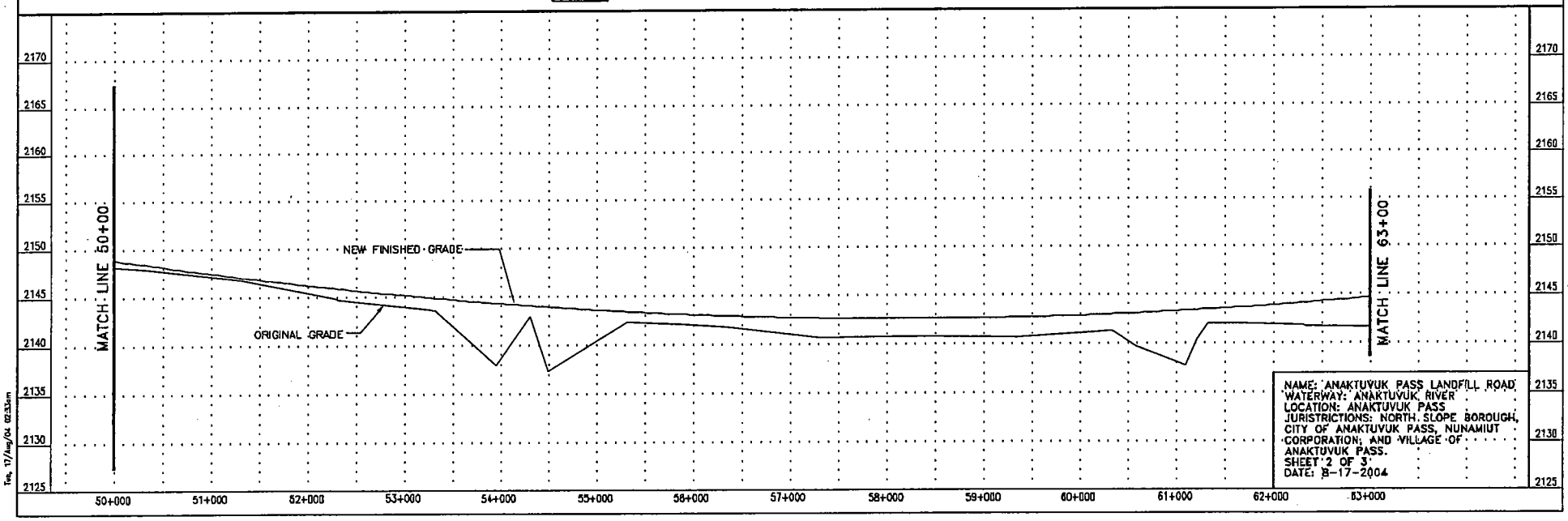

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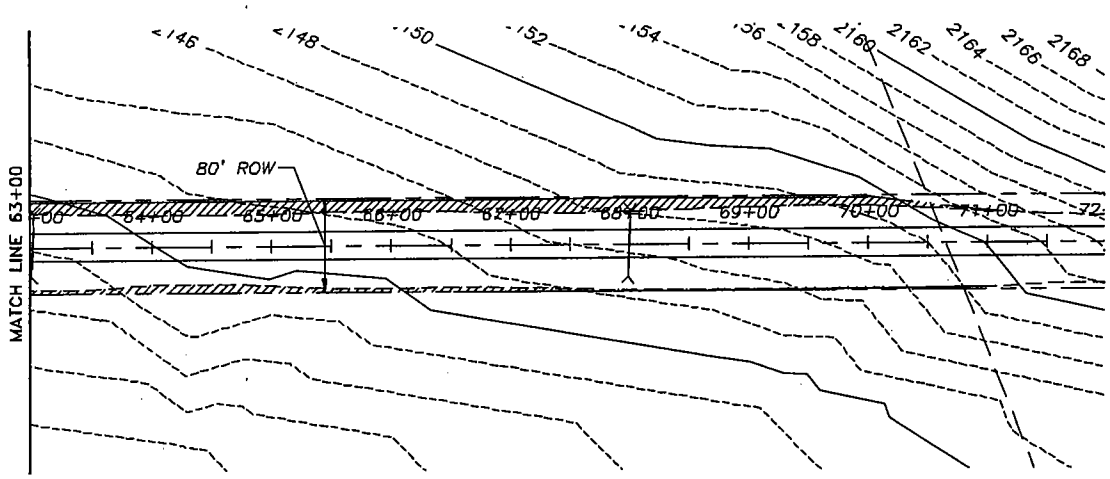

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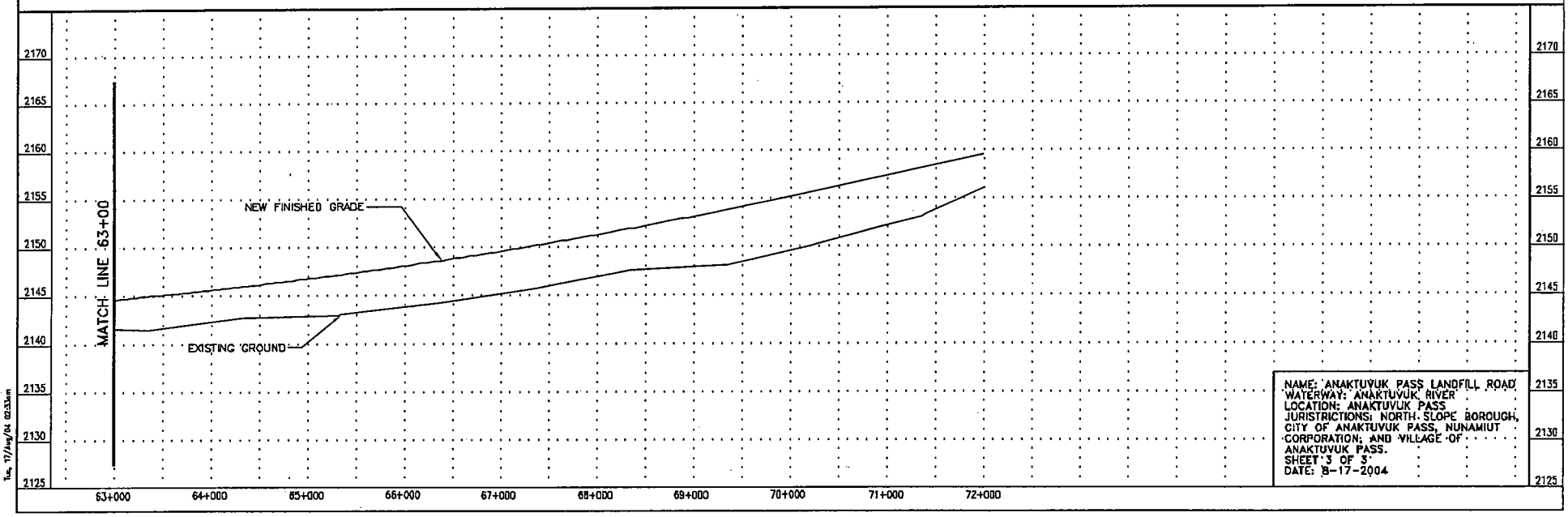

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