



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Alaska District

# Public Notice of Application for Permit

Regulatory Division (1145)  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:** September 25, 2013  
**EXPIRATION DATE:** November 1, 2013  
**REFERENCE NUMBER:** POA-2013-415  
**WATERWAY:** Sagavanirktok 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 Keith Gordon at (907) 753-5710, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, by fax at (907) 753-5567, or by email at Keith.q.gordon@usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this notice.

**APPLICANT:** Black Gold Oilfield Services, LLC

**AGENT:** Mr. Lyle Axelarris, Design Alaska

**LOCATION:** The project site is located within Section 30, T. 10 N., R.15 E., Umiat Meridian; USGS Quad Map Beechey Point A-3; Latitude 70.186436° N., Longitude 148.4379° W.; near Deadhorse, Alaska.

**PURPOSE:** The applicant's stated purpose is to construct a pad for use as a laydown area for logistical support of transportation and oilfield operations.

**PROPOSED WORK:** Work includes placement of geotextile fabric on the tundra surface, placement of ~ 71,660 cubic yards or gravel on 8.86 acres to form a pad. All work would be performed in accordance with the enclosed plan (sheets 1-4), dated August 26, 2013.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Put 23 is the existing material source. No excavation or temporary fills are proposed. Construction will occur during winter. Snow push area(s) are delineated on sheet 4. Fill material will be ¾" minus, with less than 5% fines (100% passing ¾" screen, less than 5% passing #200 sieve).

**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 applicant has avoided impacts to an adjacent arctic pond by re-configuring the pad to preclude placement of fill in the pond.

b. Minimization: The applicant has minimized impacts by reducing the proposed pads size by approximately 8,200 square feet to the minimum necessary and by keeping snow push areas on the proposed pad.

c. Compensatory Mitigation: The applicant proposes to pay an in-lieu fee based on a 2:1 mitigation ratio.

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 is a registered or eligible property in the vicinity of the worksite. It has been designated XBP 00114. Because it appears to abut the project area, a determination of effect will be made in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). Consultation of the AHRs constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Commander at this time. 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: The project area is within the known or historic range of the Polar Bear (*Ursus maritimus*), Steller's Eider (*Polysticta stelleri*) and Spectacled Eider's (*Somateria fischeri*).

We have determined the described activity may affect the threatened and/or their designated critical habitat. We will initiate the appropriate consultation procedures under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act 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 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).

We have determined the described activity would not adversely affect EFH because there is none 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 authority:

(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

SEAN PARNELL, GOVERNOR

# STATE OF ALASKA

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

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.

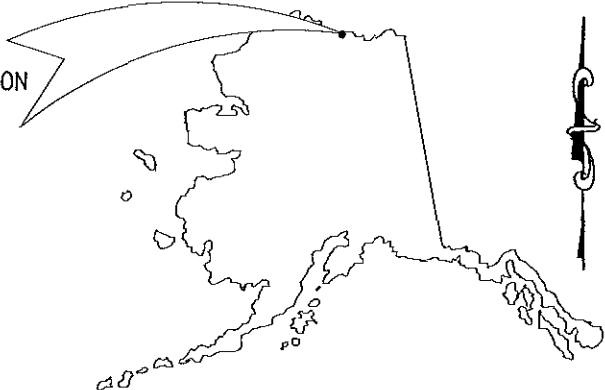
Notice is hereby given that the application for a Department of the Army Permit described in the Corps of Engineers' Public Notice No. 2013-415, Sagavanirktok River, serves as application for State Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

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.

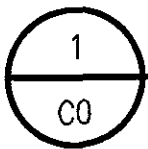


PROJECT LOCATION



Prudhoe Bay

PROJECT LOCATION  
LOT 1, BLOCK 2300



VICINITY MAP

NO SCALE

DEADHORSE PAD

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VICINITY MAP

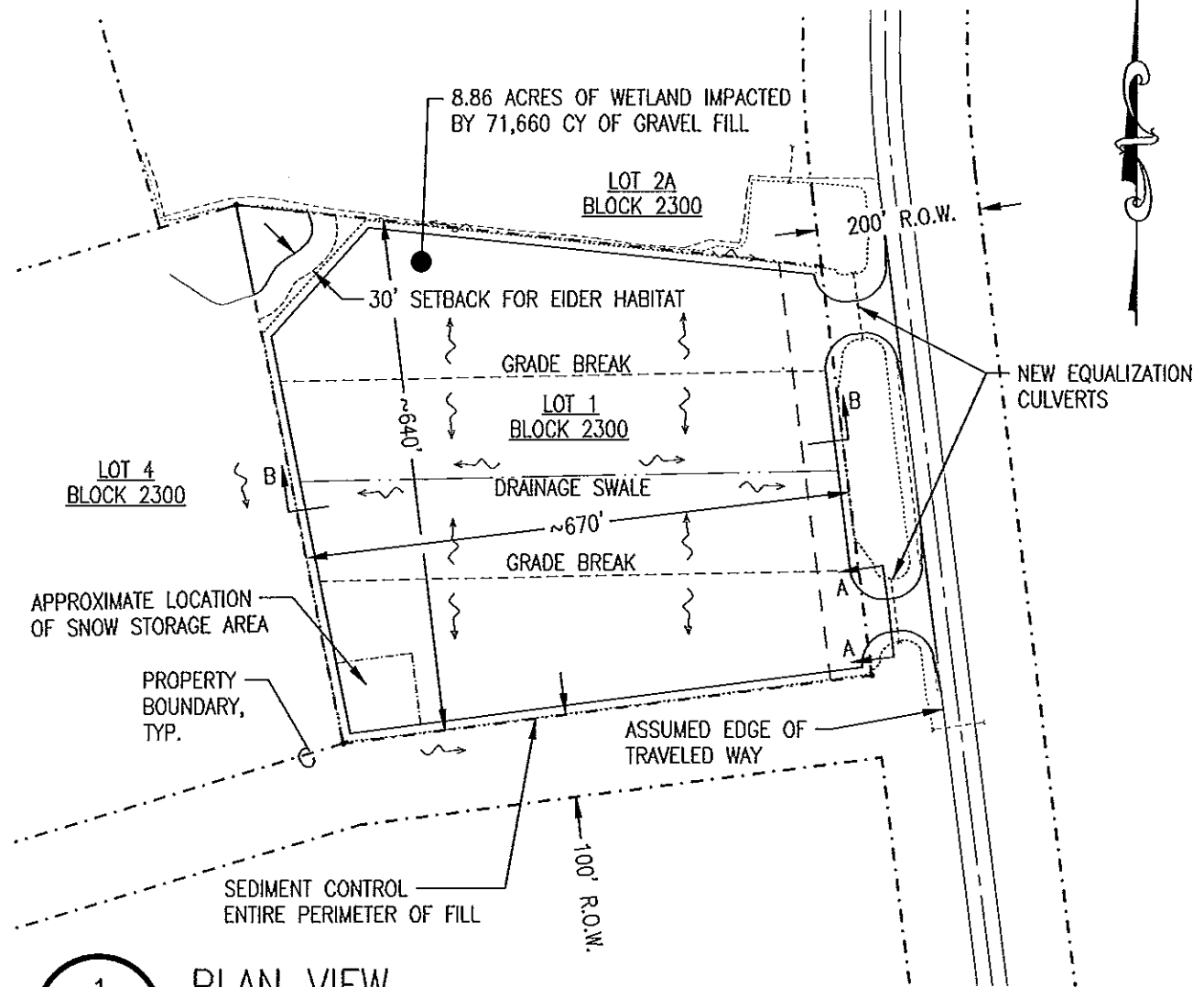
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FILE NO.: POA-2013-415  
WATERWAY: WETLAND ADJACENT TO SAGAVANIRKTOX RIVER  
PROPOSED ACTIVITY: GRAVEL FILL  
SEC. 30 T.10N R.15E M UMAT MERIDIAN  
LAT.: 70° 11' 11.17" N LONG.: 148° 26' 16.71" W  
SHEET 1 OF 4 DATE: 08/26/2013

# GENERAL NOTES

STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES  
 OWNS ENTIRE SUBDIVISION AND ADJACENT DALTON HIGHWAY.  
 LOT 2A IS LEASED BY BRICE/SUKAKPAK, L.L.C.



1 PLAN VIEW  
 C1 1" = 200'

DEADHORSE PAD

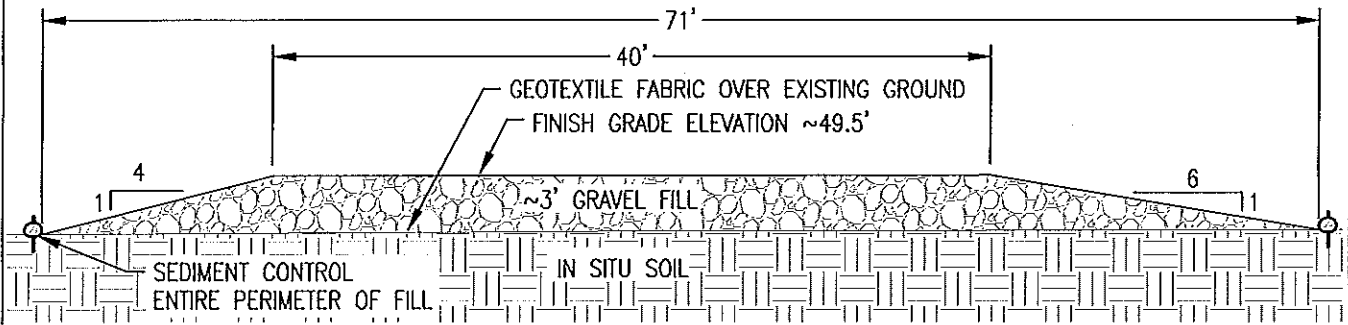
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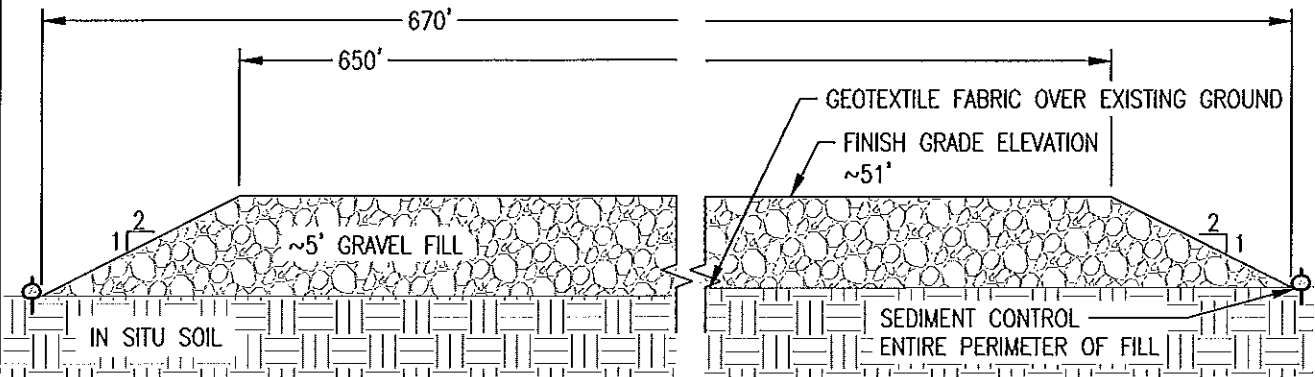
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CULVERT IS SHOWN ON SHEET C5



1 SECTION A-A  
C2 1" = 10'



2 SECTION B-B  
C2 1" = 10'

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## CROSS SECTION VIEW

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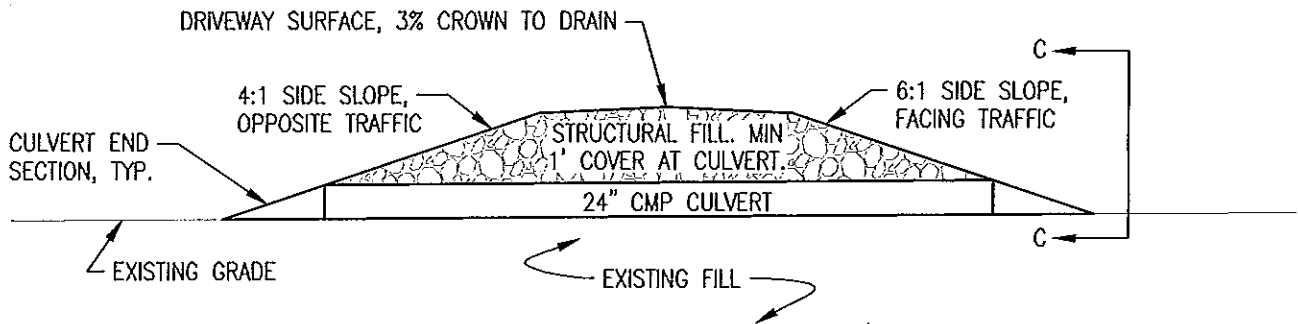
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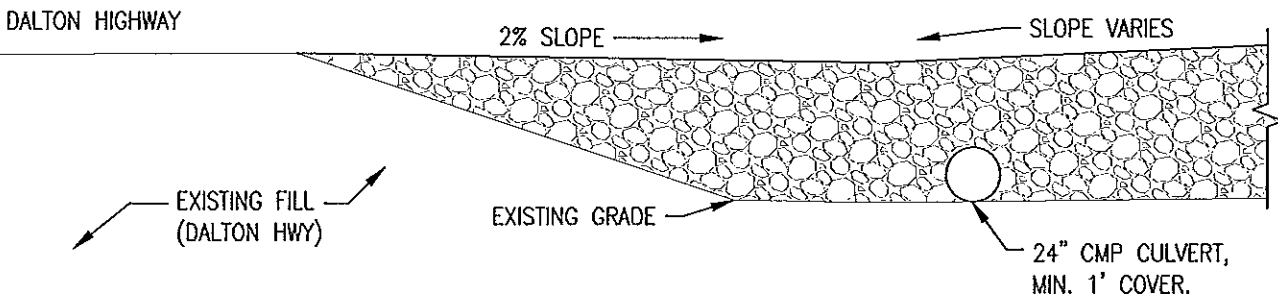
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TYPICAL DRIVEWAY SECTION AT CULVERT

NO SCALE



2  
C5

CULVERT SECTION C-C (FACING SOUTH)

NO SCALE

DEADHORSE PAD

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DRIVEWAY SECTION AT CULVERT

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