

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA), in cooperation with the Denali Commission (DC), is issuing this notice to inform the public that the DC has issued a Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) based on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Scammon Bay Bulk Fuel Upgrades project. The EA was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, the Council on Environmental Quality NEPA Regulations set forth in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 1500 to 1508, including the guidelines for determining the significance of proposed federal action (40 CFR 1508.27), and with DC Regulations contained in 45 CFR 900.

Lead Agency and File Number: Denali Commission, BFU340293

For Further Information Contact: William Price, Project Manager at AEA, at WPrice@akenergyauthority.org or (907) 771-3027. Copies of the Draft FONSI and EA are available for viewing or download from the following websites:

- <https://www.denali.gov/>
- <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Default.aspx>

Supplementary Information: The purpose of the project is to provide a code-compliant tank farm that mitigates both the risk of a significant spill event and potential hazards to sensitive coastal habitats.

The EA evaluated the Proposed Action and a No Action Alternative, which were advanced after AEA and DC considered a reasonable range of alternatives during the project's alternative's analysis. AEA and DC have decided to implement the Proposed Action Alternative evaluated in the EA as the project's Selected Alternative. Comments received through the public involvement and EA review process were considered in this decision. Based on the evidence and analysis in the EA, AEA and DC determined that the Selected Alternative will not result in significant impacts on the human or natural environment. As a result of these findings, AEA, with support from the DC, determines that an environmental impact statement is not required by section 102(2)(C) of NEPA or its implementing regulations.

Written comments on the Draft FONSI will be accepted until January 14, 2021. Comments can to be emailed to William Price at WPrice@akenergyauthority.org or mailed to the address listed below.

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