

Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline Project Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

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Current Resident
Minto AK
Tanana AK

Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline Project – 2017 Public Meeting Schedule

Barrow, Monday, July 17, 2017 Iñupiat Heritage Center P.O. Box 69, Barrow, Alaska 99723	Anchorage/Willow, Tuesday, August 1, 2017 (6:30-9:30pm) Alaska Pacific University, Lecture Hall, 4101 University Drive Anchorage, Alaska 99508
Nuiqsut, Tuesday, July 18, 2017 (5:30-8:30pm) Kisik Community Center P.O. Box 89148, Nuiqsut, Alaska 99789	Healy, Wednesday, August 2, 2017 (5:30-8:30pm) Tri-Valley Community Center 1 Healy Spur Road, Healy, Alaska 99743
Fairbanks, Thursday, July 20, 2017 (5:30-8:30pm) Westmark Hotel 813 Noble Street, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701	Cantwell/Denali, Thursday, August 3, 2017 (5:30-8:30pm) Cantwell Community Hall Cantwell, Alaska 99729
Minto/Tanana, Friday, July 21, 2017 (5:30-8:30pm) Minto Tribal Hall Minto, Alaska 99758	Trapper Creek, Friday, August 4, 2017 (5:30-8:30pm) Trapper Creek Park Building, Milepost 115.2 George Parks Highway, Turn Left on E. TC Park Circle
Bettles/Evansville, Tuesday, July 25, 2017 (5:30-8:30pm) Evansville Tribal Hall P.O. Box 26087, Bettles Field, Alaska 99726	Please check the project website for potential updates to meeting dates and locations: http://www.asapeis.com The deadline for providing comments is Monday, August 14, 2017
Wiseman/Coldfoot, Wednesday, July 26, 2017 (5:30-8:30pm) Community Center of Wiseman Wiseman, Alaska 99701	

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Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline Project

The Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline (ASAP) Project would make natural gas available to Fairbanks, Southcentral Alaska, and other communities along the pipeline route. The purpose of the ASAP Project is to provide Alaskans with a stable, affordable, long-term supply of natural gas for heating and powering their homes and businesses. The proposed pipeline is expected to begin operating in 2026.

The ASAP Project is comprised of a natural gas conditioning facility (GCF) capable of producing up to 500 million standard cubic feet per day of natural gas at peak capacity, and a 1,480-pound per square inch natural gas pipeline. The proposed Mainline is a 733-mile-long, 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline originating from the GCF near Prudhoe Bay, and terminating at the existing ENSTAR distribution system in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. An approximately 30-mile-long, 12-inch-diameter lateral pipeline will connect the Mainline to Fairbanks.

The intent of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) is to evaluate, in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) NEPA Guidance, the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts on the human environment of constructing and operating the proposed ASAP Project and alternatives.

The SEIS focuses on evaluating changes to the proposed Project that have occurred since the 2012 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), which was published by USACE in October 2012. The SEIS intends to disclose information to the public, allow for comments, and provide agency decision-makers with data necessary for making informed permitting decisions.

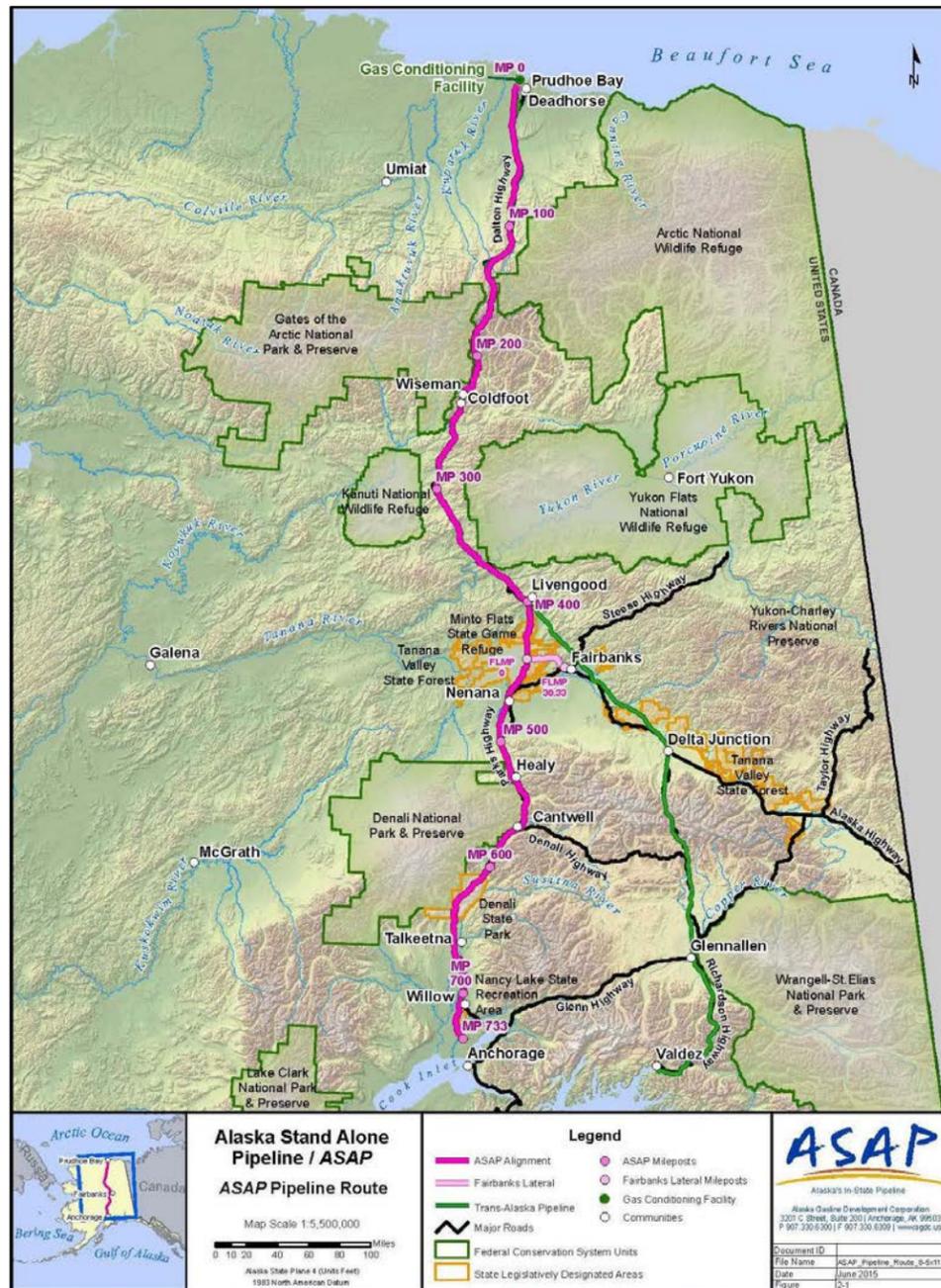


What's Changed Since 2012?

As a supplement to the 2012 FEIS, the SEIS describes the revised project, including changes to the proposed Project that have occurred since the publication of the 2012 FEIS, including the following conceptual design changes and refinements:

- Use of lean natural gas (rather than enriched natural gas), which does not require additional facilities to make gas accessible;
- The need for a 23-barge sealift (previously a 9-barge sealift) will require dredging of a navigation channel at West Dock and nearshore disposal of the dredged material;
- Reduced Mainline pipeline length (733 miles, a difference of 4 miles);
- Reduced Fairbanks Lateral length (30 miles, a difference of 4 miles);
- Increased Mainline pipeline diameter (36-inch, an increase of 12 inches);
- Refinements in the number and locations of material sites, access roads, work camps, pipeline storage yards, and other infrastructure and support facilities; and
- Route refinements, including alignment shifts for the North Slope, Minto Flats / Summer Ridge, Anderson / Clear, and Nancy Lake State Recreation Area and along Murphy Dome and Old Murphy Dome Roads for the Fairbanks Lateral

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Alternatives

Alternative 1 (Proposed Action) The proposed ASAP Project as described above, including use of Dock Head 3 at West Dock, nearshore disposal of dredge material, buried pipeline (except at fault crossings, elevated bridge stream crossings, pigging facilities, and block valve locations), strain-based pipeline design in discontinuous permafrost as required, and horizontal directional drilling at the Yukon River.

Alternative 2 (Denali NPP Route Variation) Alternative 2 includes the Denali NPP route, use of Dock Head 2 at West Dock, ocean disposal of dredge material, pipeline elevated on vertical support members from MP 0 to MP 62, buried pipeline from MP 62 to end (including the Fairbanks Lateral), and aerial crossing at the Yukon River.

Alternative 3 (No Action) The No Action alternative provides a benchmark, enabling decision-makers to compare the magnitude of environmental effects of the action alternatives. Under Alternative 3, the ASAP Project would not be constructed and operations and maintenance requirements would not exist; no utility-grade natural gas would be transported via pipeline from the North Slope to southcentral Alaska communities.



Resources Evaluated

The SEIS describes the affected environment and analyzes the environmental consequences resulting from construction and operation of the Proposed Action and its alternatives. Direct and indirect effects of the Proposed Action and the alternatives are described for the following resources: biological resources (e.g., wildlife, fish, marine mammals, benthic communities, threatened and endangered species, vegetation, and wetlands); physical resources (e.g., soils and geology, water, and air quality, and noise); social resources (e.g., socioeconomics, recreation, land use, visual, subsistence, cultural resources, public health, navigation, and reliability and safety). Additionally, the assessment of cumulative effects analyzes the effects of the Proposed Action and the alternatives, in combination with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions potentially affecting resources within the proposed Project Area.

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The NEPA Process

Notice of Intent to Prepare an SEIS

*Scoping

Analysis of Alternatives

**Draft SEIS Issued
Available for 45-day Public Review

**Public Meetings on Draft SEIS

Public Comment Review and Synthesis
Comment Analysis Report Available

Responses to Comments/Prepare Final SEIS

Selection of Preferred Alternative

*Final SEIS Issued
Available for 30-day Public Review

Record of Decision
Public Statements of Agency Decisions

*Indicates steps where there is an opportunity to provide public input.

**Indicates current step in the NEPA process.

Mitigation Measures

In accordance with Council on Environmental Quality requirements, and as described in the Draft SEIS, the route for Alternative 1 (Proposed Action) has undergone several revisions since the 2012 FEIS in order to refine the alignment and reduce potential impacts to resources and potentially affected communities.

The Alaska Gasline Development Corporation has incorporated several design features, mitigation measures, best management practices, and project management plans in an attempt to minimize, avoid, rectify, reduce, eliminate, and/or compensate for impacts of the Proposed Action, which are provided in detail in the Draft SEIS. These measures were taken into consideration when evaluating potential impacts on each resource.

2017 Public Meetings

Public meetings provide an opportunity to express your views and identify issues to be addressed in the Draft SEIS. In accordance with NEPA, USACE requests any comments you may have about the potential impacts to the proposed alternatives associated with the construction and operations of the proposed ASAP Project.

Public meetings will be held in 10 communities from 5:30-8:30pm (Anchorage 6:30-9:30pm) from July 17 to August 4, 2017 to seek comments regarding the Draft SEIS, including mitigation measures intended to reduce the impacts. Public meeting notices are available at the ASAP Project website: <http://www.asapeis.com>. The BLM will also be conducting an ANILCA 810 subsistence hearing to provide information on potential impacts to subsistence uses and hear the concerns and comments of affected users in the following villages: Barrow, Nuiqsut, Bettles, Wiseman, Minto, Healy, Cantwell, and Trapper Creek.

Comments can also be submitted to the USACE via postal mail to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, CEPOA-RD, P.O. Box 6898, JBER, Alaska, 99506-0898 or at: asapeiscomments@erm.com. We request that you include with your comments: (1) Your name, address, and affiliation (if any); and (2) Any background documents to support your comments as you think necessary.

- **DEADLINE FOR PROVIDING COMMENTS IS AUGUST 14, 2017** -

Next Steps in the NEPA Process

USACE, with input from Cooperating Agencies, will analyze and respond to substantive comments received in response to the Draft SEIS. These comments and responses will be assimilated and published in a Comment Analysis Report. USACE may make changes in the SEIS reflecting comments received.

USACE and Cooperating Agencies will select a preferred alternative and present this to the public in the Final SEIS. The document will be published and public notices of the document's availability will be made. This step in the process also includes a 30-day period, during which the public may submit comments on the Final SEIS to be considered by USACE prior to publishing the Record of Decision.



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