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**Administrative Determination(AD)/Documentation of NEPA Adequacy(DNA)
Buskin Beach Defense Environmental Restoration Project
Right-of-Way Renewal**

Applicant: US Army Corps of Engineers
Case File No.: AA-080608
AK-040-07-AD/DNA-030



Location:

Lot 17, USS No. 2539, T. 28 S., R. 20 W., Seward Meridian

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Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
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A. BLM Office: Anchorage Field Office **Lease/Serial Case File No.:** AA-080608

Proposed Action Title/Type: Federal Agency Right-of-Way Renewal

Location of Proposed Action: Lot 17, U.S. Survey No. 2359, further described as T. 27 S., R. 29 W., Seward Meridian.

Description of the Proposed Action:

The Proposed Action is to renew a right-of-way for three additional years to the Army corps of Engineers (COE) for 4 microwells and 12 soil gas test points. The renewal will be subject to the terms and conditions of the original grant. Renewing the right-of-way would allow for the continued monitoring of the soil and groundwater for safety reasons. The COE has been performing clean up operations at Buskin Beach (Greely Road Garrison Area), Kodiak, Alaska under the Department of Defense Environmental Restoration Program. This program provides the means to clean up hazardous wastes and contamination in order to reduce human health and ecological risks. No additional land disturbing activities are scheduled to occur.

Applicant (if any): U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska.

B. Conformance with the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Consistency with Related Subordinate Implementation Plans:

The BLM has not developed a land use plan for Kodiak area. The Proposed Action is identical to the Proposed Action described in AK-040-CX-01-019. However, 43CFR1610.5-7, "Situations where action can be taken based on another agency's plan, or a land use analysis" sub-section (a) states:

"Another agency's plan (Federal, State or local) may be used as a basis for an action only if it is comprehensive and has considered the public land interest involved in a way comparable to the manner in which it would have been considered in a resource management plan, including the opportunity for public participation."

BLM has chosen to reference an Environmental Assessment created by the US Army Corps of Engineers that outlines management of the proposed activities outlined in this grant.

C. Identify applicable NEPA documents and other related documents that cover the Proposed Action.

The proposed activity has been addressed in the following US Army Corps of Engineers Environmental Assessment:

Defense Environmental Restoration Program Interim Removal Action, Buskin Beach: Greely Road Garrison Area, Kodiak, Alaska, July 1997.

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

- 1. Is the current Proposed Action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed? Is the current Proposed Action located at a site specifically analyzed in an existing document?**

The Proposed Action outlined in this AD/DNA is a continuation of the Proposed Action outlined in the 1997 Environmental Assessment created by the USACOE. The site to be monitored and reclaimed is the same site analyzed in the 1997 USACOE Environmental Assessment.

- 2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current Proposed Action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?**

The alternatives previously analyzed in the 1997 USACOE Environmental Assessment remain appropriate with respect to the proposed monitoring and

remediation activities in the Buskin Beach Defense Environmental Restoration Project.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances?

The existing analysis performed by the USACOE in their 1997 Environmental Assessment still remains valid. No new data or circumstances have been presented to prove otherwise.

4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the current Proposed Action?

Yes.

5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current Proposed Action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)? Does the existing NEPA document analyze site-specific impacts related to the current Proposed Action?

The current direct and indirect impacts to the Buskin beach Greely Road Garrison Area remain the same as they were outlined in existing NEPA documents. Site-specific impacts related to the current Proposed Action have been addressed and analyzed in the 1997 USACOE Environmental Assessment, and remain valid.

6. Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current Proposed Action substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?

There would be no new or substantial impacts resulting from the Proposed Action, thus leaving those analyzed in the existing USACOE Environmental Assessment substantially unchanged.

7. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current Proposed Action?

Yes.

E. Interdisciplinary Analysis:

The following clearances, along with the Anchorage Field Office specialist NEPA Routing and Tracking Form, have been solicited and acquired for the Proposed Action:

810 ANILCA Compliance
Cultural Resources Evaluation
T & E Species Evaluation

F. Mitigation Measures:

A set of Stipulations have been drafted, approved and included along with the grant package.

G. Conclusion

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the Proposed Action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

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Date