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PLAN CONFORMANCE / NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD

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Arctic Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

Applicant: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Alaska
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Proposed Action: Storage of Contaminants on Seabee Pad and Extension of Right of Way Grant.

Description of Proposed Action: The applicant, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Alaska, has requested authorization to store contaminants in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A), and extension of their approved right of way grant. The proposed storage location is the Seabee Pad located near Umiat. The Corps currently has a BLM Right of Way Grant to remove the contaminated material from the Umiat #9 wellsite. Due to conditions at the site the Corps will not be able to remove all material out of the NPR-A before the tundra closes for the season. The proposed storage is for one season with an extension of the grant until June 30, 2010. The Corps plans on returning during the winter season 2009-2010.

The Seabee pad is located above the 100 year flood plain. The Corps has sampled the storage area for PCBs and will resample after they are removed. The pad under the supersacks will be covered with two layers of 10 mil reinforced visqueen. The contaminated soil will be sealed in supersacks and covered with another layer of visqueen hold down by supersacks of clean fill. Some supersacks will be in tarped conex boxes, depending on the actual date of tundra closure. The Corps will periodically conduct on-site inspections to verify the condition of the bags and to provide the BLM with photos. Attached is a drawing submitted by the Corps showing the proposed location of the storage.

Location:

Sections 5 & 6, Township 1 South, Range 1 West, Umiat Meridian

Part I: Plan Conformance Review

The proposed action is subject to the following planning documents: the Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Supplemental Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS) 2008 and the Colville River Special Area Management Plan. The proposed action is not inconsistent with the purposes of the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976. The applicant will be provided with required operating procedures and stipulations from the respective Record of Decisions for the above documents.

Date April 20, 2009

/s/Donna L. Wixon
Natural Resource Specialist, Arctic Field Office

Part II: NEPA Review

Categorical Exclusion Review.

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 11.9, BLM National Environmental Policy Act Handbook H-1790-1, Appendix 4, E. Realty #9.

“Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations.”

The proposed action has been reviewed to determine if any of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

Date April 20, 2009

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Road to
Seabee Pad

