

DECISION RECORD
AND
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

MARATHON OIL COMPANY DRILLING OF A NATURAL GAS WELL NEAR THE
TOWN OF KENAI, AK

I. Decision:

It is my decision to grant permission for Marathon Oil Company to drill a natural gas well in Section 18, T4N, R11W Seward Meridian. This well will be drilled for the exploration and potential development of gas sand reservoirs located within the Kenai Gas Field near the Town of Kenai, AK.

Marathon Oil Company will be allowed to use the described portion of land under the authority of the Act of February 25, 1920, as amended and supplemented (30 U.S.C. 189.226), and Executive Order 12291 (46 FR 13193), Part 3160, Group 3100, Subchapter C and 43 C.F.R. §3160.0-1 *et. seq.*

II. Rationale for the Decision:

The proposed action is in conformance with federal regulations (43 CFR 1610.8(b)(1)), which state: "If an action is proposed where public lands are not covered by a management framework plan or a resource management plan, an environmental assessment and environmental impact statement, if necessary, plus any other data and analysis necessary to make an informed decision, shall be used to assess the impacts of the proposal and to provide a basis for a decision on the proposal."

The proposed action is also in conformance with the principles of the Southcentral Management Framework Plan (MFP), 1980:

Objective: Provide opportunities for the development of identified economic reserves of locatable and leasable minerals.

[Paragraph M-1.]

III. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that the impacts are not expected to be significant and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance:

No significant restrictions of subsistence uses under Section 810 of ANILCA have been found.

V. Adverse Energy Impact Compliance:

This action has been analyzed as required by Washington Office Instruction Memorandum 2002-053 to determine if it will cause an adverse impact on energy development. The action will not have an adverse direct or indirect impact on energy development, production or distribution. The preparation of a Statement of Adverse Energy Impact is not required.

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Attachments: EA #: AK-040-06-EA-051