

DECISION RECORD
AND
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

AURORA GAS, LLC. DRILLING OF A NATURAL GAS WELL NEAR THE VILLAGE OF
TYONEK, AK

I. Decision:

It is my decision to grant permission for Aurora Gas, LLC. to drill a natural gas well in Section 20, T11N, R12W Seward Meridian. This well will be drilled for the exploration and potential development of gas sand reservoirs located along the west side of Cook Inlet near the Village of Tyonek, AK.

Aurora Gas, LLC 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 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.

Mark Fullmer for	9/15/06
Mike Zaidlicz	Date
Anchorage Field Manager	

Attachments: EA #: AK-040-06-EA-046
Stipulations

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1. Aurora Gas, LLC shall not obstruct or impede access along the portion of the 17(b) easement right of way that crosses the NCU #10 drilling pad. The road is a public access route for the Village of Tyonek and surrounding communities and, therefore, must be accessible at all times, according to the rules governing 17(b) easement authority.