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Dear Reader:

I am pleased to present the Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A) Final Supplemental Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS). This Supplement addresses a list of issues and contains a range of alternatives regarding the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) administration of public lands within the planning area. The Supplement updates information presented in the 2005 Amended IAP/EIS and corrects inadequacies in the Amended IAP/EIS identified in the September 25, 2006, decision of the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska.

This Final IAP/EIS has benefited from comments received on the Draft Supplemental IAP/EIS. I appreciate your involvement and your ideas on how to best manage these important public lands. The BLM especially appreciates the expertise and hard work of the North Slope Borough, which participated in this plan as a cooperating agency. The thoughtful questioning and substantive comments we received from the Borough and representatives of state government, other federal agencies, tribes, environmental organizations, and industry, as well as from members of the public, have improved the IAP/EIS and, we believe, will pay off in better land management in the future. Thank you for your participation.

As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will publish a Notice in the *Federal Register* announcing the availability of this Final IAP/EIS. The BLM will wait at least 30 days after the publication of the EPA's Notice before issuing a Record of Decision, which will finalize the decisions for this plan.

If you have questions about this Final Supplemental IAP/EIS, please call Jim Ducker, Environmental Program Analyst, at 907-271-3130.

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