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Mr. Robin West  
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Dear Mr. West:

The State of Alaska reviewed the public notice regarding a proposed Compatibility Determination (CD) for the renewal of a right-of-way permit to Tesoro Alaska Pipeline Company, first issued to Nikiski Alaska Pipeline Company on February 25, 1976, for the occupancy of 4700 feet of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. The following represents the consolidated views of the State resource agencies.

The State strongly supports the renewal of the right-of-way permit to Tesoro Alaska Pipeline Company. The continuance of this existing use to operate and maintain the buried pipeline will have little, if any, effect on the resources of the Refuge and will not materially interfere with the purposes of the Refuge. As such, the State urges the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to renew its finding that the use is compatible with refuge purposes. The renewal of the permit, based on a reconfirmation of this compatibility finding, will accommodate a strong public need and ensure continued essential delivery of refined petroleum products from Nikiski to the Anchorage area.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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