
Alcan Land Port of Entry Environmental Impact Statement Public Scoping Report

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AK	Alaska
AKDT	Alaska Daylight Time
AH	Alaska Highway
CA	Canada
CBP	Customs and Border Protection
CBSA	Canada Border Services Agency
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CWA	Clean Water Act
DEIS	Draft Environmental Impact Statement
DOT	Department of Transportation
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EJ	Environmental Justice
FR	Federal Register
GSA	General Services Administration
LPOE	Land Port of Entry
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NOI	Notice of Intent
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
TEK	Traditional Ecological Knowledge
U.S.	United States
USC	United States Code

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The United States (U.S.) General Services Administration (GSA) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential impacts of the proposed expansion and modernization of the Alcan Land Port of Entry (LPOE) and Housing, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 United States Code [USC] 4321-4347), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508), and the GSA Public Buildings Service's NEPA Desk Guide.

GSA conducted public scoping and held a scoping meeting as part of the NEPA process associated with developing the EIS. This report describes the project (i.e., background, project location, and facilities, proposed action, and alternatives) and public scoping meeting, provides scoping materials used, and summarizes the public comments received during the public scoping period held from April 7, 2023 to May 15, 2023. This document also includes the following seven appendices:

- Appendix A: Notice of Intent
- Appendix B: Newspaper Affidavits and Tear Sheets
- Appendix C: Press Release
- Appendix D: Interested Parties Letters and List of Stakeholders
- Appendix E: Public Meeting Handouts and Registration
- Appendix F: Submitted Public Comments
- Appendix G: Index of Comments

2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Alcan LPOE and Housing is located at Milepost 1221.8 on the Alaska Highway (AH), approximately 0.43 miles from the U.S./Canada (CA) border. The Alcan LPOE and Housing are located in a remote location and subject to long periods of extreme cold, heavy snow, severe wind, and operation in total darkness due to their high latitude. This facility is the only 24-hour LPOE serving personal vehicles and commercial traffic between the Yukon Territory, CA, and mainland Alaska (AK). The proposed facility would provide improved employee housing and increased security standards to replace the original LPOE and Housing, which were constructed in 1972 with limited additions and no renovations over the past 50 years. Figure 2-1 depicts the regional location of the existing Alcan LPOE.



Source: Hennebery Eddy Architects, 2019.

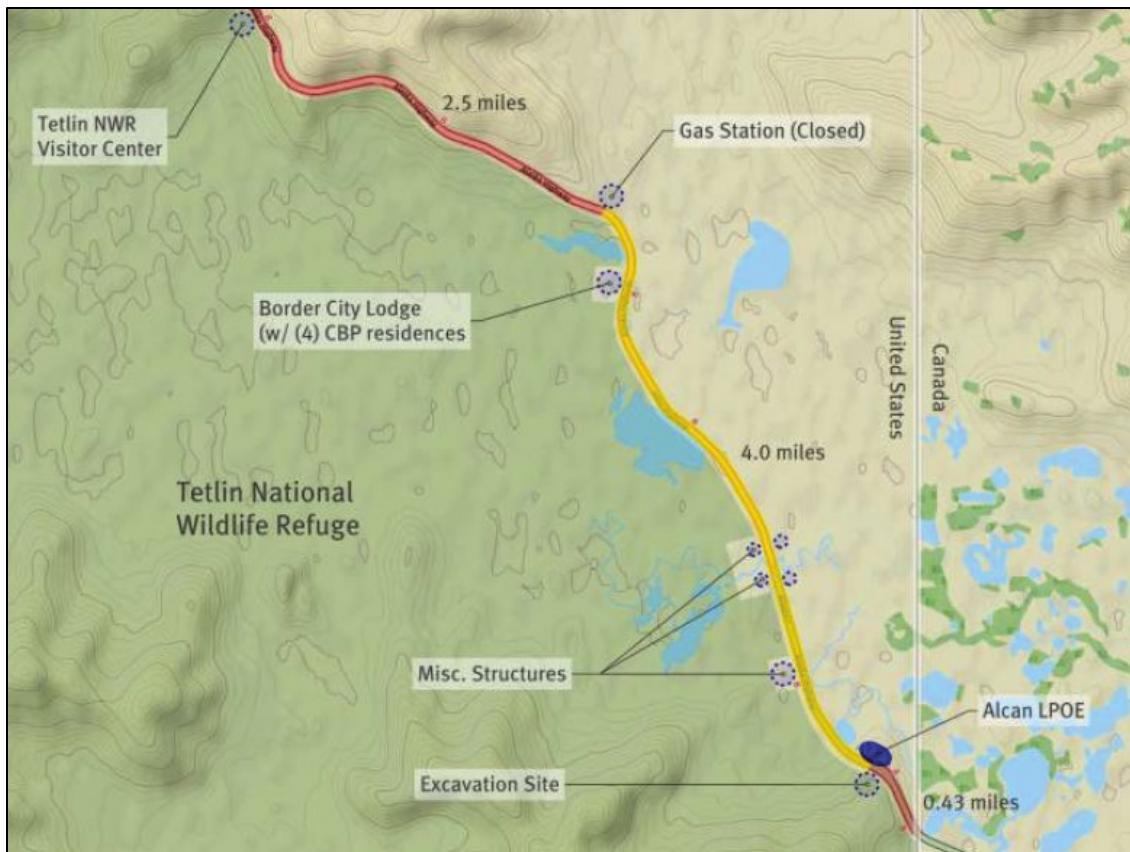
Figure 2-1. Regional Location of the Alcan LPOE and Housing

2.1 PROJECT LOCATION

The Alcan LPOE is located in a remote area of eastern AK at Milepost 1221.8 on the AH. The LPOE is bounded by the U.S.-CA border to its east; the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) to its south and west; and undeveloped state lands to its north. The LPOE is predominantly surrounded by woodlands and some wetlands.

The modernized LPOE could also be relocated to a 40-acre location consisting of state and private land approximately 4 miles northwest of the current Alcan LPOE along the AH at Milepost 1226. The private property portion of the considered site location consists of a small area of development, including residences and out-structures. The state property portion of the considered site location consists primarily of undeveloped forest as well as one gravel access road. The considered site location is bounded by the AH to the south and undeveloped state lands to the north, east, and west.

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection housing units at the 'Border City' are approximately 3.5 miles northwest from the LPOE on the AH. See Figure 2-2 below for a map of the project area and vicinity.



Source: Hennebery Eddy Architects, 2019.

Figure 2-2. Alcan LPOE and Housing Vicinity

2.2 EXISTING FACILITIES

The existing Alcan LPOE includes port facilities, employee housing and support features, and necessary infrastructure. The existing facilities of the LPOE have only received minor additions and improvements since their original construction in 1972. See Figure 2-3 below for an aerial image of the existing Alcan LPOE.



Source: Hennebery Eddy Architects, 2019.

Figure 2-3. Existing Alcan LPOE

2.3 PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES

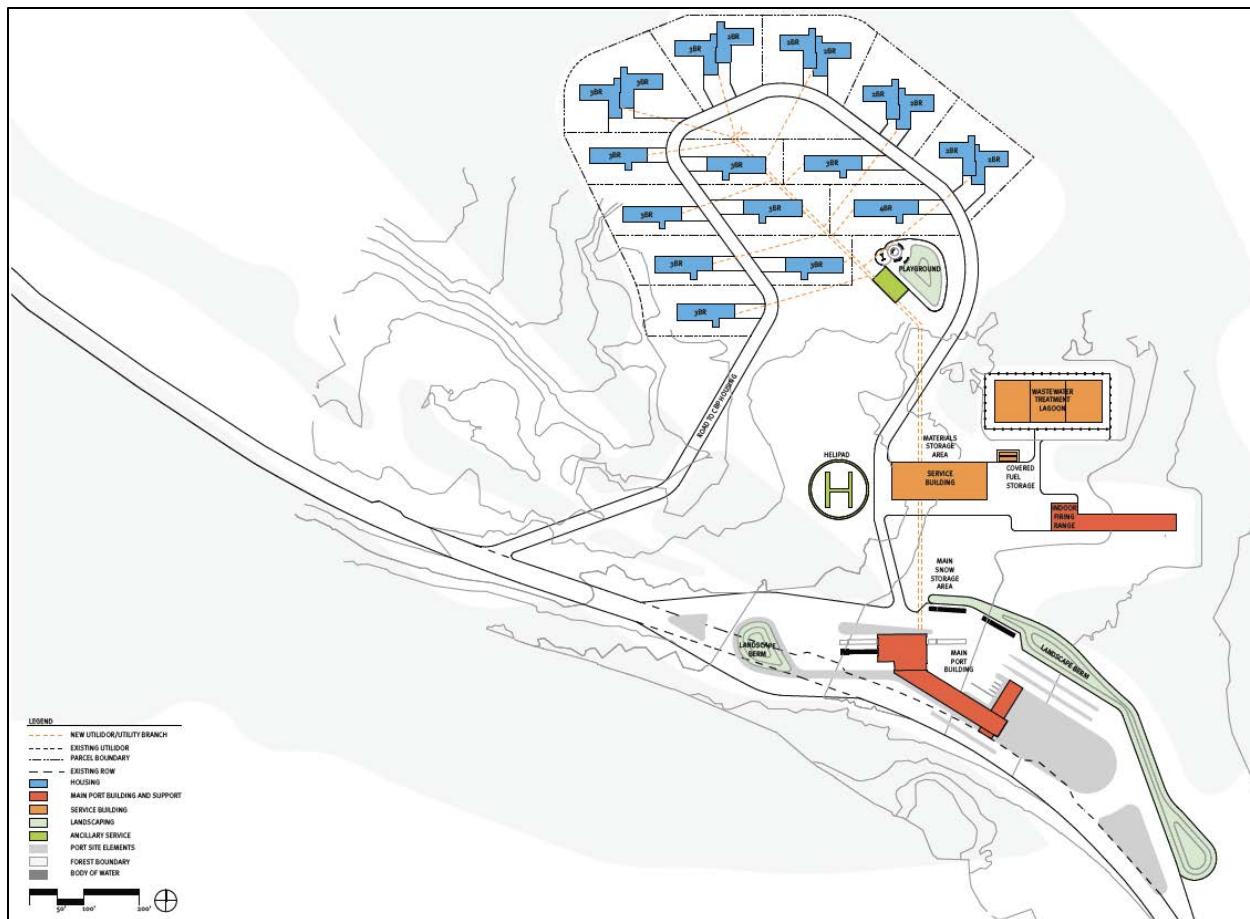
The Draft EIS (DEIS) will consider two action alternatives and one no action alternative. The first action alternative, Alternative 1, would expand and modernize the current LPOE at the current site. GSA would acquire additional land from the Tetlin NWR in order to proceed with construction, renovation, and demolition activities. See Figure 2-4 below for the proposed layout of the expanded and modernized LPOE under Alternative 1.



Source: Henneberry Eddy Architects, 2019.

Figure 2-4. Proposed Alternative 1 for Alcan LPOE and Housing Project Site

The second action alternative, Alternative 2, would acquire 10 acres of private land and 30 acres of state land in order to construct an expanded port at a new site located approximately four miles northwest of the existing port. This location would require a small reroute of the AH through the proposed site location. The proposed project site has historically been used as a vehicle staging area and temporary fill material storage area, but currently serves as a residence with associated outbuilding. Under this alternative, the existing LPOE would eventually be demolished after the new port becomes functional. See Figure 2-5 below for the proposed layout of the new expanded and modernized LPOE under Alternative 2.



Source: Hennebery Eddy Architects, 2019.

Figure 2-5. Proposed Alternative 2 for Alcan LPOE and Housing Project Site

The no action alternative assumes that demolition of existing facilities, construction of new facilities, and expansion of LPOE operations would not occur. The LPOE would continue to operate under current conditions.

3.0 NOTICE OF INTENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EIS AND TO CONDUCT PUBLIC SCOPING

Notification of the Alcan LPOE scoping meeting was accomplished using multiple channels of communication, including ads in local newspapers, letters to interested parties, and social media posts. This section summarizes the outreach conducted to inform the public of the upcoming public meeting and solicit comments on the Proposed Action.

3.1 NOTIFICATION OF SCOPING MEETING

GSA developed a Notice of Intent (NOI) to formally announce to the public and other interested parties of GSA's intent to prepare an EIS for the expansion and modernization of the Alcan LPOE, and conduct a scoping meeting to invite participation from the public. The NOI was published in the Federal Register (FR) on April 7, 2023. The public scoping period was held from April 7, 2023 to May 15, 2023. The final NOI is included in Appendix A.

3.2 NEWSPAPERS ADVERTISEMENTS

Five advertisements were printed in local newspapers in the weeks preceding the public scoping meeting. The advertisements indicated GSA's intent to prepare an EIS and conduct a public meeting; provided a brief description of the project; listed the project website URL; identified the public scoping meeting time and location; and included instructions for submitting comments.

The advertisement was published in the *Delta Wind* on April 20, 2023, the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* on April 19 and 25, 2023, and the *Anchorage Daily News* on April 20 and 25, 2023. Other local newspapers were contacted, including the *Alaska Native News*, the *Mukluk News*, and *Interior Alaska News*, but either did not respond or could not publish the advertisement prior to the public meeting. Tear sheets and an affidavit of the legal notices are included in Appendix B.

3.3 SOCIAL MEDIA

GSA posted a press release on April 12, 2023 on the GSA Northwest Arctic Region 10 website that briefly summarized the purpose of the meeting, detailed the time and date, and provided a link to the virtual meeting. A screenshot of the press release can be found in Appendix C.

3.4 INTERESTED PARTIES LETTER

A scoping letter dated April 18, 2023, was emailed or mailed to all parties on the distribution list which included state and local officials; federal, state, and local government agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs); and individuals with a known or potential interest in the proposed action. The letter provided background information on the project, a brief description of the alternatives, the date and time of the public scoping meeting, and instructions on how to submit comments. Copies of the letter and emails sent to interested parties are included in Appendix D. Appendix D also includes a list of stakeholders identified for the Alcan LPOE Modernization Project, including the meeting attendees that indicated continued interest in the project.

4.0 PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

The purpose of the public scoping meeting is to provide the public with information regarding the proposed project, answer questions, identify concerns regarding the potential environmental impacts that may result from the implementation of the proposed project, and solicit comments to help guide the selection of action alternatives and resource areas to be analyzed in the EIS.

4.1 MEETING DETAILS AND LOCATION

The public meeting was held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM Alaska Daylight Time (AKDT) on the Zoom online meeting platform. A total of 19 individuals registered and participated in the virtual public meeting. Of these 19 attendees, 13 people were affiliated with the project, two people represented other U.S.- and AK- government agencies, and four people were members of the general public.

A video meeting format in Zoom was used to encourage discussion and information sharing and to ensure that the public had opportunities to speak with representatives of GSA. This format consisted of an approximately 45-minute presentation and an open house session that facilitated discussion between GSA and the public. The presentation provided background on the project and an explanation of the NEPA process. The presentation was recorded and posted to the "GSA (General Services Administration)" YouTube channel. After the presentation, attendees were provided with the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments on the project.

An informational handout was shared in the chat box during the virtual meeting that contained details about the project background, NEPA process, project alternatives, and how to submit comments. Additionally, a mailable comment form was shared for attendees who wished to provide written comments. Attendees also had the opportunity to sign up for additional project updates. The handout, comment form, and virtual registration form are included in Appendix E.

5.0 PUBLIC SCOPING COMMENTS

GSA invited scoping comments on the Alcan LPOE EIS to obtain input from the public, agencies, and other interested parties on the proposed project. All comments received are provided in Appendix F.

5.1 COLLECTING COMMENTS

Comments were submitted to GSA verbally at the public scoping meeting and through emails and letters during the public scoping comment period. No comments were received via the online comment form distributed during the public meeting or traditional mail.

5.2 SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

Comments were indexed based on the source or commenter. Commenters included federal, state, or local agencies (A) and members of the public (P). Each comment was cataloged with a code based on the source of the comment and the order in which it was received (e.g., P3 was the third comment received by a member of the public). A total of 11 commenters provided 34 comments during the scoping period. Appendix G includes an index of commenters by type (i.e., agency, public) and date.

5.3 ISSUES IDENTIFIED DURING SCOPING

Each concern or question associated with a commenter was categorized by subject. Table 5-1 shows the comments categorized by subject and the number of comments received.

Table 5-1. Commenters and Comments by Subject

Subject	Number of Agency Commenters (A) ^a	Number of Public Commenters (P) ^b	Number of Comments
Air Quality	1	0	2
Biological Resources	1	0	2
Climate Change	1	0	1
Cumulative Impacts	1	0	1
Environmental Justice	1	0	1
Light Pollution	0	1	1
Meaningful Public Engagement	2	0	4
Outside the Scope of the EIS	0	2	3
Permits	1	0	2
Recreational and Subsistence Resources	1	0	4
Requests for Information	4	2	11
Water Resources	1	0	2

Subject	Number of Agency Commenters (A) ^a	Number of Public Commenters (P) ^b	Number of Comments
Total	6	5	34

^aAgency (A) commenters include those from federal, state and local agencies. Individuals provided comments in multiple subjects.

^bPublic (P) commenters include individual members of the public.

5.4 SUMMARY OF COMMENTS BY SUBJECT

This section summarizes the comments that were received during the public scoping period. The comments were organized into 12 subject categories as shown in Table 5-1 above.

5.4.1 Air Quality

One commenter submitted two comments regarding air quality. The first comment requested that the DEIS include analysis of the potential impacts of project construction, maintenance, and operations on emissions of air pollutants and air toxics, including diesel particulate matter emissions and fugitive dust emissions. Additionally, this comment requested analysis of the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of this project on air pollution emissions compared to background air pollution concentrations and state/federal air quality standards. The second comment requested a discussion about the potential air quality impact on sensitive populations along with strategies for mitigation.

5.4.2 Biological Resources

One commenter submitted two comments on biological resources. The first comment discussed the project's impact on permafrost and vegetation, specifically in identifying baseline information, the impact of surface disturbances, potential options for mitigation, the risk of invasive species introduction, and post-project restoration options. The second comment requested the DEIS evaluate the potential impacts to endangered, threatened, and candidate species and their habitat, and describe how the proposed project will meet all requirements under Endangered Species Act, including consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

5.4.3 Climate Change

One commenter submitted one comment regarding climate change. The comment requested that the DEIS consider potential climate impacts, mitigation, and adaptation issues.

5.4.4 Cumulative Impacts

One commenter submitted one comment regarding cumulative impacts. The comment requested that the DEIS include an assessment of the resources impacted, the geographic area and time over which the project would have an impact, and the past, current, and reasonably foreseeable future actions impacting the resources of concern. Additionally, the commenter requested that the DEIS include baseline environmental conditions and scientifically defensible threshold levels.

5.4.5 Environmental Justice

One commenter submitted one comment regarding Environmental Justice (EJ). The comment requested that the DEIS apply methods from the "Environmental Justice Interagency Working Group Promising Practices for EJ Methodologies in NEPA Reviews" report to this project, characterize the project with information or data related to EJ concerns, describe potential EJ concerns for all EJ Indexes at or above the 80th percentile in the state and/or nation, screen for and describe all individual block groups within or intersecting a one-mile radius of the project, describe individual block groups within the project area in addition to an area-wide assessment,

and acquire additional data from county-level reports and local knowledge to supplement EJScreen when identifying EJ concerns.

5.4.6 Light Pollution

One commenter submitted one comment regarding light pollution. The comment discussed the importance of the natural darkness of the area, given the proximity of the LPOE to Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, which is the largest wilderness area in the National Wilderness Preservation System. The commenter suggested adherence to sustainable lighting principles that would minimize the impact of light pollution from the updated facility.

5.4.7 Meaningful Public Engagement

Two commenters submitted four comments regarding meaningful public engagement. The first comment recommended reviewing and considering community feedback, ensuring engagement is sensitive and responsive to the impacted community, making sure community feedback is reflected in decision-making, designing robust participation opportunities, providing early and frequent outreach and engagement opportunities, and addressing accessibility to engagement through translation/interpretation services, removing technological barriers, providing plain language presentations, and announcing and scheduling meetings with consideration for community working hours. The second comment emphasized the importance of consultation with local Tribes and incorporating feedback specifically within the DEIS. The third comment recommended the DEIS include the identification, inclusion, and integration of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) into the NEPA analysis. The fourth comment asked if the Upper Tanana villages had been notified of the public meeting.

5.4.8 Outside the Scope of the EIS

Two commenters submitted three comments that were outside the scope of this EIS. One commenter suggested that the project add public amenities to the border station, including ample restrooms for the public before entering customs. The commenter also recommended that the project add cellphone service coverage to the port. These public amenities are beyond the scope of this project. Another commenter questioned if GSA had considered relocating the airfield for processing planes that cross the border, which is currently located in Northway. This commenter suggested moving the border station and airfield closer to Tok. This suggested action is outside the scope of this project. GSA informed the commenter that, other than the off-site option 4 miles farther away from the border, there were no plans to move the port closer to Tok. GSA also directed the commenter to Customs and Border Protections (CBP)'s field operations office in Portland for more questions about the airport operations at Northway.

5.4.9 Permits

One commenter submitted two comments regarding permits. The comment requested identifying the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for the construction phase, new (or modifications to) existing permits for operations, and how any previous permit exceedances could be prevented by incorporating pollution prevention measures into the project. The commenter also requested that the DEIS identify any permits that may be required that would need coordination with USACE or the state of AK. This includes permits that would be provided based on Section 303, 401, and/or 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA).

5.4.10 Recreational and Subsistence Resources

One commenter submitted four comments on recreational and subsistence resources; all comments are related to public access to the Tetlin NWR for recreation and subsistence hunting.

The first comment discusses the impact of proposed Alternative 1 on access to the Airs Hill Trail and public parking area. The comment states that under Alternative 1, the updated facility would restrict access to the current trailhead and parking area and restrict access to the Airs Hill Trail, the longest trail in the Tetlin NWR, which currently has a planned extension to a public-use historic cabin. The second, third, and fourth comments are all regarding access considerations for the Tetlin NWR if the LPOE is relocated to the Alternative 2 location. The comments discuss logistical impediments to visitors carrying firearms (for hunting or bear protection) and the impact on boat access to Desper and Scottie Creeks and a stabilized and restored public-use historic cabin.

5.4.11 Requests for Information

Six commenters provided 11 requests for additional information regarding various aspects of the Project. The topics covered and corresponding GSA responses are summarized in the list below:

1. One commenter requested additional information on the proposed project and alternatives, including a project map or tentative development plan.
 - i. GSA provided the commenter with aerial map images of the proposed project areas and encouraged the commenter to attend the public meeting, which would provide more details on the project alternatives.
2. One commenter requested GIS coordinates for the Alcan LPOE to determine if there were any contaminated sites associated with the facility.
 - i. GSA provided the GIS coordinates of the Alcan LPOE to the commenter.
3. One commenter requested a copy of the letter that describes the project and provides instructions for submitting comments.
 - i. GSA sent a copy of the interested parties letter to the commenter and added them to the list of stakeholders for the project.
4. One commenter requested further information about the modernized LPOE beyond what was available on the project website.
 - i. GSA described the alternatives under consideration and directed the commenter to CBP's field operations office in Portland for any questions regarding airport operations at Northway.
5. During the public scoping meeting, one commenter asked if the off-site alternative would result in extension of the project timeline.
 - i. GSA provided preliminary estimates for the development timelines of the two alternatives. The on-site location would have an estimated completion date of approximately 2030, and the off-site location would have an estimated completion date of approximately 2028. These dates are subject to change as the project develops.
6. During the public scoping meeting, one commenter asked why a second site was under consideration for the expanded and modernized LPOE.
 - i. GSA explained that the feasibility study analyzed the benefits and drawbacks of multiple potential options. The off-site location would help ensure the continuity of port operations and would result in an easier phasing process for the construction of the expanded port because the existing port could continue to be used throughout the construction period.

7. The same commenter also asked how co-locating operations with the Canada Border Service Agency (CBSA) would impact the project.
 - i. GSA explained that the discussions between the U.S. and CA are still preliminary and there are still issues that need to be resolved. However, GSA noted that a joint operation would not result in substantial impacts to the design and size of the facility itself.
8. The same commenter asked if a joint project would require a joint presidential permit from the Department of State.
 - i. GSA does not have a definitive answer at this time, but does not believe a joint presidential permit would be necessary given that the Alcan LPOE would be located solely on U.S. land under both alternatives. GSA also noted that there are precedents for joint CBSA and CBP activities which would help inform the development of joint operation of the facility, such as CBP officers that work in CA at the Vancouver Airport in British Columbia for preclearance of travelers.
9. The same commenter also asked if the project would require collaboration with the Federal Highways Administration or the AK Department of Transportation (DOT) to update the highway.
 - i. GSA explained that under Alternative 1 alterations to the routing of the existing highway would be very minimal and be contained to the footprint of the facility itself and that any highway modifications necessary under Alternative 2 would remain within the existing AH right-of-way. However, GSA also noted that the feasibility study only contains preliminary design decisions.
10. This commenter asked if there would be any other agencies involved with the project, such as a cooperating agency.
 - i. GSA stated that there would be more information available in the Draft EIS. GSA is open to input from federal and state agencies.
11. This commenter asked if there was an estimated date for the publication of the Draft EIS.
 - i. The Draft EIS is currently scheduled for publication in May, 2024.

5.4.12 Water Resources

One commenter submitted two comments regarding consideration of impacts to water resources. The commenter recommends the DEIS identify any discharges to waters of the United States that are known or are likely, to occur during the construction and operation of the project and how these discharges would be managed and minimized. The commenter also requested that the DEIS include a complete analysis of water resources that ensures that the project is consistent with the requirements of the CWA, and describe mitigation measures if necessary.

6.0 LIST OF REFERENCES

(Henneberry Eddy Architects, 2019). Henneberry Eddy Architects. 2019. Feasibility Study Report – Alcan LPOE and Housing Replacement. U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

APPENDIX A: NOTICE OF INTENT

- Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI)
- Educational Institution
- Foundation
- Service Provider
- Think Tank/Policy Organization
- Other
- Government
- Primary Area of Expertise (select one) *

 - Civil rights
 - Community development finance
 - Community reinvestment and stabilization
 - Consumer protection
 - Economic and small business development
 - Labor and workforce development
 - Financial technology
 - Household wealth building and financial stability
 - Housing and mortgage finance
 - Rural issues
 - Other (please specify)

- Secondary Area of Expertise (select one)

 - Civil rights
 - Community development finance
 - Community reinvestment and stabilization
 - Consumer protection
 - Economic and small business development
 - Labor and workforce development
 - Financial technology
 - Household wealth building and financial stability
 - Housing and mortgage finance
 - Rural issues
 - Other (please specify)

- Resume *
- The resume should include information about past and present positions you have held, dates of service for each, and a description of responsibilities.
- Cover Letter *
- The cover letter should explain why you are interested in serving on the CAC as well as what you believe are your primary qualifications.
- Additional Information
- At your option, you may also provide additional information about your qualifications.

Qualifications

The Board is interested in candidates with knowledge of fields such as affordable housing, community and economic development, employment and labor, financial services and technology, small business, and asset and wealth building, with a particular focus on the concerns of low- and moderate-income consumers and communities. Candidates do not have to be experts on all topics related to consumer financial services or

community development, but they should possess some basic knowledge of these areas and related issues. In appointing members to the CAC, the Board will consider a number of factors, including diversity in terms of subject matter expertise, geographic representation, and the representation of women and minority groups.

CAC members must be willing and able to make the necessary time commitment to participate in organizational conference calls and prepare for and attend meetings two times per year (usually for two days). The meetings will be held at the Board's offices in Washington, DC. The Board will provide a nominal honorarium and will reimburse CAC members only for their actual travel expenses subject to Board policy.

By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, acting through the Director of the Division of Consumer and Community Affairs under delegated authority.

Ann E. Misback,
Secretary of the Board.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[Notice-P-2023-01; Docket No. 2023-0002; Sequence No. 13]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Public Scoping Meeting and Request for Comments for the Expansion and Modernization of the Alcan Land Port of Entry in Alcan, Alaska

AGENCY: Office of Public Building Services (PBS); General Services Administration, (GSA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969(NEPA)and the GSA/PBS NEPA Desk Guide, GSA intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential impacts from the proposed modernization and expansion of the existing Alcan Land Port of Entry (LPOE)located in Alcan, Alaska. GSA has initiated the required section 106 consultation of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) involving outreach efforts with the Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and Alaska Native Villages.

DATES: A virtual public scoping meeting in open house format will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, from 5:00

p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Alaska Daylight Time (AKDT). Interested parties should submit comments by Monday, May 15, 2023, to be considered in the formation of the Draft EIS. The views and comments of the public are necessary to help determine the scope and content of the environmental analysis. The meeting will be on the Zoom platform where GSA will present and distribute project information and obtain public input on the project.

All mail in comments must be postmarked by May 15, 2023.

Deadlines for Requests of Special Accommodations: Persons needing special accommodations shall notify Emily Grimes at *AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov* by 2:30 p.m. AKDT, on Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

ADDRESSES: The public is encouraged to provide written comments regarding the scope of the EIS at the meeting and throughout the comment period.

Submit comments identified by Notice P-2023-01 by either of the following methods:

- **Email:** *AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov*. Include Notice Identifier in the subject line of the message.
- **Virtual Meeting:** Comment forms will be distributed during the virtual open-house public meeting, which can also be submitted during the meeting. The link for the public scoping meeting will be made available on the GSA project website: <https://www.gsa.gov/about-us/regions/welcome-to-the-northwest-arctic-region-10/buildings-and-facilities/alaska/alcan-land-port-of-entry>.

- **Mail:** U.S. General Services Administration, Attention: Emily Grimes, Environmental Program Manager, 1301 A Street, Suite 610, Tacoma, WA 98402

Federal Register: Submit comments in response to Notice-P-2023-01 via <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching for "Notice-P-2023-01". Select the link "Comment" that corresponds with "Notice-P-2023-01." Follow the instructions provided at the screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "Notice-P-2023-01" on your attached document. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check <http://www.regulations.gov>, approximately two-to-three days after submission to verify posting.

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Emily Grimes, Environmental Program

Manager, Facilities Management Division, GSA, Phone (253) 394–4026. Email AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Alcan LPOE is located in a remote area of eastern Alaska on the Alaska Highway and is subject to sub-arctic weather conditions. It is the only year-round land crossing between the Alaskan mainland and Canada. The current Alcan LPOE and its associated housing have only received minor additions and improvements since the original construction in 1972 and does not meet current operational needs. This modernization project is needed to meet the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) current Program of Requirements for the port, provide optimal operational flow, address deficiencies, improve customer service to travelers, and provide a comfortable working and living environment for CBP personnel and their families. GSA and CBP are currently exploring the possibility of operating the Alcan LPOE jointly with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and will update the considered alternatives when a decision is finalized.

Alternatives Under Consideration

The EIS will consider two “action” alternatives and one “no action” alternative. Alternative 1 would consist of land acquisition, construction, and demolition activities. This alternative would relocate the Alcan LPOE location to a proposed site area on the Alaska Highway that is approximately 4 miles to the northwest of the Alaska–Canada border. This alternative would include the acquisition of the proposed site area and demolition of onsite defunct structures, including a gas station, duty-free shop, and small outbuildings. New LPOE facilities and structures would then be constructed on the acquired site, including a main port building with enclosed inspection lanes and a commercial inspection dock, a service building, a firing range, employee housing, and recreation amenities. Upon completion of the new LPOE, the existing LPOE would be decommissioned.

Alternative 2 consists of demolition, renovation, and expansion activities at the existing Alcan LPOE. These activities would include the demolition of existing housing units, construction of a new port building and housing, renovation or reuse of existing main port and support buildings, and the installation of new equipment, systems, and port support infrastructure. Expansion in this location would require the securing of additional

easements from the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge. Demolition, construction, and renovation activities would be sequenced to maintain current port operations for the entirety of the construction period.

Alternative 3 consists of the “no action” alternative, which assumes that GSA would not expand or modernize the LPOE and that port operations would continue under current conditions.

Anamarie Crawley,
Director, Facilities Management Division,
GSA–PBS Northwest/Arctic Region (R10).
[FR Doc. 2023–07304 Filed 4–6–23; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60-Day–23–0314; Docket No. CDC–2023–0024]

Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled The National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG). This survey is designed to provide nationally representative, scientifically credible data on factors related to birth and pregnancy rates, family formation and dissolution patterns, and reproductive health.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before June 6, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2023–0024 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS H21–8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. CDC will post, without change, all relevant comments to www.regulations.gov.

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal (www.regulations.gov) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS H21–8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; Telephone: 404–639–7570; Email: ombcdc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also requires federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new proposed collection, each proposed extension of existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information collection before submitting the collection to the OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments that will help:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses; and
5. Assess information collection costs.

APPENDIX B: NEWSPAPER AFFIDAVITS AND TEAR SHEETS

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
2024-07-14

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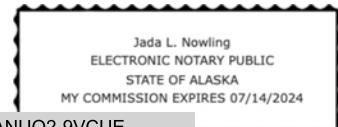
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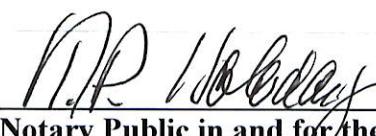

Michael R. Paschall

Subscribed and sworn before me this 24th day of
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Notary Public in and for the State Alaska.

My commission expires 02-11-2026

STATE OF ALASKA
NOTARY PUBLIC

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Publish: 4-19
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APPENDIX C: PRESS RELEASE

GSA to Host Public Meeting for the New Alcan Land Port of Entry

April 12, 2023

Public Scoping Meeting begins conversation with local community

TACOMA, Wash. — In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. General Services Administration will host a public meeting in support of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the expansion and modernization of the Alcan Land Port of Entry, located near Tok, Alaska. The public is invited to attend the virtual meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, from 5:00pm – 7:00pm Alaska Daylight Time.

The meeting will be conducted in an open house format. GSA will offer the public an opportunity to hear about the project and learn how they can provide input on the issues that are important to the community. This input is a valuable step in the process and will be used by GSA to determine the scope and content of the EIS.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 26th from 5:00pm – 7:00pm AKDT

WHERE: Online meeting hosted via Zoom. Register here: <http://ow.ly/xEwB50NEryt>

WHO: General public

The Alcan LPOE is the only year-round, full service, 24-hour port of entry serving personal vehicles and commercial truck traffic between Yukon Territory, Canada, and Interior Alaska. It's situated in a remote location along the Alaska Highway. Established in 1972, the facility is now over 50 years old and in urgent need of replacement. The new facility, funded by the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#), will meet the U.S. Custom and Border Protection's (CBP) current mission requirements, improve customer service to travelers and provide a comfortable working and living environment for CBP personnel and their families.

GSA is currently exploring multiple possibilities for the new Alcan LPOE, including relocating the port to a new site approximately 4 miles to the northwest of the Alaska-Canada border. Additionally, GSA and CBP are considering a port operated in conjunction with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA).

The public is encouraged to provide written comments regarding the scope of the EIS at the meeting and throughout the comment period. **Comments referencing Notice #P-2023-01 will be accepted through Monday, May 15, 2023 via the following methods:**

- **Virtual Meeting:** Comment forms will be distributed & collected during the virtual public meeting. Register for the public scoping meeting at <http://ow.ly/xEwB50NEryt>.
- **Email:** Send your comments to AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov and include Notice #P-2023-01 in the subject line.
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U.S. General Services Administration
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Project information, including a video recording of this public meeting, will be available at: gsa.gov/Alcan.

Contact

Christi Chidester Votisek
Public Affairs Officer

Northwest/Arctic Region

- Office: [253-931-7127](tel:253-931-7127)
- Cell: [415-816-8512](tel:415-816-8512)
- Email: christina.chidester@gsa.gov

APPENDIX D: INTERESTED PARTIES LETTERS AND LIST OF STAKEHOLDERS



GSA, Northwest/Arctic Region

April 21, 2023

Dear Interested Reader,

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The EIS will address potential environmental impacts of the proposed alternatives. Analyzed resource areas will include but are not limited to geology and soils, biological resources, water resources, cultural and tribal resources, socioeconomic, environmental justice and protection of children’s health, utilities, traffic and transportation, air quality, climate change, noise, and visual resources.

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From: [Robbie Baldwin](#)
To: ["dec.commissioner@alaska.gov"](mailto:dec.commissioner@alaska.gov)
Subject: GSA Alcan LPOE EIS Preparation and Public Meeting
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:05:00 PM
Attachments: [GSA Alcan LPOE EIS - Interested Parties Letter.pdf](#)
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[image002.png](#)

Dear Mr. Brune,

I am a contracted environmental scientist assisting the General Services Administration (GSA) with the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the modernization of the Alcan, Alaska Land Port of Entry (LPOE). The attached letter describes details of the project, instructions for commenting, and instructions for registration for the upcoming virtual public meeting on Wednesday, April 26th. Please direct all questions regarding the project to the AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov inbox.

Thank you,



Robbie Baldwin 703 760 4801 x124
Robbie.Baldwin@solvllc.com
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From: [Robbie Baldwin](#)
To: "jason.olds@alaska.gov"
Subject: GSA Alcan LPOE EIS Preparation and Public Meeting
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:05:00 PM
Attachments: [GSA Alcan LPOE EIS - Interested Parties Letter.pdf](#)
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Dear Mr. Olds,

I am a contracted environmental scientist assisting the General Services Administration (GSA) with the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the modernization of the Alcan, Alaska Land Port of Entry (LPOE). The attached letter describes details of the project, instructions for commenting, and instructions for registration for the upcoming virtual public meeting on Wednesday, April 26th. Please direct all questions regarding the project to the AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov inbox.

Thank you,



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From: [Robbie Baldwin](#)
To: "jon.wendel@alaska.gov"
Subject: GSA Alcan LPOE EIS Preparation and Public Meeting
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:03:00 PM
Attachments: [GSA Alcan LPOE EIS - Interested Parties Letter.pdf](#)
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Dear Mr. Wendel,

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From: [Robbie Baldwin](#)
To: ["gene.mccabe@alaska.gov"](mailto:gene.mccabe@alaska.gov)
Subject: GSA Alcan LPOE EIS Preparation and Public Meeting
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:03:00 PM
Attachments: [GSA Alcan LPOE EIS - Interested Parties Letter.pdf](#)
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Dear Mr. McCabe,

I am a contracted environmental scientist assisting the General Services Administration (GSA) with the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the modernization of the Alcan, Alaska Land Port of Entry (LPOE). The attached letter describes details of the project, instructions for commenting, and instructions for registration for the upcoming virtual public meeting on Wednesday, April 26th. Please direct all questions regarding the project to the AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov inbox.

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From: [Robbie Baldwin](#)
To: "dnr.oha@alaska.gov"
Subject: GSA Alcan LPOE EIS Preparation and Public Meeting
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:03:00 PM
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Dear Ms. Bittner,

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From: [Robbie Baldwin](#)
To: "joseph.kemp@alaska.gov"
Subject: GSA Alcan LPOE EIS Preparation and Public Meeting
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:03:00 PM
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Dear Mr. Kemp,

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From: [Robbie Baldwin](#)
To: ["dot.commissioner@alaska.gov"](mailto:dot.commissioner@alaska.gov)
Subject: GSA Alcan LPOE EIS Preparation and Public Meeting
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:02:00 PM
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Dear Mr. Anderson,

I am a contracted environmental scientist assisting the General Services Administration (GSA) with the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the modernization of the Alcan, Alaska Land Port of Entry (LPOE). The attached letter describes details of the project, instructions for commenting, and instructions for registration for the upcoming virtual public meeting on Wednesday, April 26th. Please direct all questions regarding the project to the AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov inbox.

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From: [Robbie Baldwin](#)
To: ["ryan.vanderstar@cbsa-asfc.qc.ca"](#); [Vanderstar, Ryan](#)
Subject: GSA Alcan LPOE EIS Preparation and Public Meeting
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:02:00 PM
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Dear Mr. Vanderstar,

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From: [Robbie Baldwin](#)
To: ["info@tokalaskainfo.com"](mailto:info@tokalaskainfo.com)
Subject: GSA Alcan LPOE EIS Preparation and Public Meeting
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:01:00 PM
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Dear Tok Chamber of Commerce,

I am a contracted environmental scientist assisting the General Services Administration (GSA) with the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the modernization of the Alcan, Alaska Land Port of Entry (LPOE). The attached letter describes details of the project, instructions for commenting, and instructions for registration for the upcoming virtual public meeting on Wednesday, April 26th. Please direct all questions regarding the project to the AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov inbox.

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From: [Robbie Baldwin](#)
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Dear Mr. Williams,

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From: [Robbie Baldwin](#)
To: ["edward.v.wahmann@cbp.dhs.gov"](#)
Subject: GSA Alcan LPOE EIS Preparation and Public Meeting
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:11:00 PM
Attachments: [GSA Alcan LPOE EIS - Interested Parties Letter.pdf](#)
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Dear Mr. Wahmann,

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Dear Mr. Bruton,

I am a contracted environmental scientist assisting the General Services Administration (GSA) with the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the modernization of the Alcan, Alaska Land Port of Entry (LPOE). The attached letter describes details of the project, instructions for commenting, and instructions for registration for the upcoming virtual public meeting on Wednesday, April 26th. Please direct all questions regarding the project to the AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov inbox.

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From: [Robbie Baldwin](#)
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Dear Mr. Robinson,

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From: [Robbie Baldwin](#)
To: "diana_biesanz@fws.gov"
Subject: GSA Alcan LPOE EIS Preparation and Public Meeting
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Dear Ms. Biesanz,

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From: [Robbie Baldwin](#)
To: "Bayless, Shawn"
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Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 5:07:00 PM
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Dear Mr. Bayless,

I am a contracted environmental scientist assisting the General Services Administration (GSA) with the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the modernization of the Alcan, Alaska Land Port of Entry (LPOE). The attached letter describes details of the project, instructions for commenting, and instructions for registration for the upcoming virtual public meeting on Wednesday, April 26th. Please direct all questions regarding the project to the AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov inbox.

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From: [Robbie Baldwin](#)
To: ["lesley.dewilde@bia.gov"](mailto:lesley.dewilde@bia.gov)
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Dear Ms. DeWilde,

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From: [Robbie Baldwin](#)
To: ["melissa.head@alaska.gov"](mailto:melissa.head@alaska.gov)
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Dear Ms. Head,

I am a contracted environmental scientist assisting the General Services Administration (GSA) with the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the modernization of the Alcan, Alaska Land Port of Entry (LPOE). The attached letter describes details of the project, instructions for commenting, and instructions for registration for the upcoming virtual public meeting on Wednesday, April 26th. Please direct all questions regarding the project to the AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov inbox.

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From: [Robbie Baldwin](#)
To: "pirzadeh.michelle@epa.gov"
Subject: GSA Alcan LPOE EIS Preparation and Public Meeting
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Dear Ms. Pirzadeh,

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From: [Robbie Baldwin](#)
To: "harvey.templeton@alaska.gov"
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Dear Mr. Templeton,

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From: [Robbie Baldwin](#)
To: "sixkiller.casey@epa.gov"
Subject: GSA Alcan LPOE EIS Preparation and Public Meeting
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Dear Mr. Sixkiller,

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From: [Robbie Baldwin](#)
To: "michelle.watchman@bia.gov"
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Dear Ms. Watchman,

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From: [Robbie Baldwin](#)
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Dear Mr. Peterson,

I am a contracted environmental scientist assisting the General Services Administration (GSA) with the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the modernization of the Alcan, Alaska Land Port of Entry (LPOE). The attached letter describes details of the project, instructions for commenting, and instructions for registration for the upcoming virtual public meeting on Wednesday, April 26th. Please direct all questions regarding the project to the AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov inbox.

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APPENDIX D. List of Stakeholders

Italicized entries indicate stakeholders added by request throughout the scoping process

Organization	Contact Name	Affiliation	Address	Email	Phone Number(s)
Project Stakeholders					
U.S. Customs and Border Protection	Michael A. Peterson, Port Director	CBP		michaelanthony.peterson@cbp.dhs.gov	907-774-2252
	Edward Wahmann, Assistant Port Director	CBP		edward.v.wahmann@cbp.dhs.gov	
	Lance Robinson, Area Director	CBP		lance.e.robinson@cbp.dhs.gov	
	Dave Song, BIL Project Manager	CBP			
Federal Agencies					
Environmental Protection Agency Region 10	Casey Sixkiller, Regional Administrator	Office of the Regional Administrator	U.S. EPA, Region 10 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155 Seattle, WA 98101	sixkiller.Casey@epa.gov	Office: 800-424-4372 Office: 206-553-1234
	Michelle Pirzadeh, Deputy Regional Administrator			pirzadeh.michelle@epa.gov	Office: 206-553-1200
	Rebecca Chu, Manager – Policy and Environmental Review Branch	Environmental Review Branch		chu.rebecca@epa.gov	206-553-1774
	Susan Sturges, NEPA Reviewer – Transportation Sector Lead	Environmental Review Branch		sturges.susan@epa.gov	206-553-2117
U.S. Congress	Senator Lisa Murkowski	Senator Murkowski's Office	522 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510		202-224-6665

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Federal Agencies					
U.S. Congress	Trina Bailey, Regional Special Assistant (Fairbanks)	Senator Murkowski's Office	Courthouse Square 250 Cushman Avenue, Suite 2D Fairbanks, Alaska 99701		907-456-0233 Fax: 877-857-0322
	Senator Dan Sullivan	Senator Sullivan's Office	702 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510		202-224-3004
	Representative Mary Peltola	Representative Peltola's Office	2314 Rayburn House Office Building, Independence Ave SW Bldg, Washington, DC 20515	team@marypeltola.com	907-206 7000 202-225-5765
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Diana Biesanz, Regional Realty Officer, Alaska Region	Alaska Region	1011 E. Tudor Road, MS 211 Anchorage, AK 99503		907-786-3426
	Shawn Bayless, Tetlin Refuge Manager	National Wildlife Refuge System	Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge 1.3 Mile Borealis Tok, AK 99780 United States	Shawn_Bayless@fws.gov	907-883-9401
GSA	Kim Gant, Region 10 Historic Preservation Officer	Historic Preservation	1110 S. Capitol Way, Suite 30 Olympia, WA 98501	Kim.Gant@dahp.wa.gov	360-586-3074
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs	Michelle Watchman, Deputy Regional Director	BIA Alaska Regional Office	Alaska Region Regional Office Indian Affairs 3601 C Street Suite 1200 Anchorage, AK 99503-5947		907- 271-4042
	Lesley DeWilde Superintendent	BIA Fairbanks Agency	101 12th Avenue, Room 166, Fairbanks, AK, 99701	lesley.dewilde@bia.gov	907-456-0229
U.S. National Park Service	Davyd Halyn Betchkal, Biologist / Acoustician	Natural Sounds/Night Skies Division	MP 237 Parks Hwy PO Box 9 Denali Park, AK 99755	Davyd_Betchkal@nps.gov	970-305-0191

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State Agencies					
Alaska Department of Natural Resources	Melissa Head, Natural Resource Manager 2	Alaska Department of Natural Resources	3700 Airport Way Fairbanks, Alaska 99709	melissa.head@alaska.gov	907-451-2719
	Harvey Templeton			harvey.templeton@alaska.gov	907-451-2727
Alaska State Legislature	Senator Click Bishop	Alaska State Senate	State Capitol Room 504 Juneau AK, 99801	senator.click.bishop@akleg.gov	907-465-2327
	Representative Mike Cronk	Alaska State House of Representatives	State Capitol Room 418 Juneau AK, 99801	representative.mike.cronk@akleg.gov	907-465-4527
Alaska Office of the Governor	Governor Mike Dunleavy		Office of the Governor P.O. Box 110001 Juneau, AK 99811-0001		907-451-2920 Fax: 907-451-2858
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation	Jason Brune, DEC Commissioner	Office of the Commissioner	Department of Environmental Conservation P.O. Box 111800 Juneau, Alaska 99811	dec.commissioner@alaska.gov	907-465-5066 Fax: 907-465-5070
	Gary Mendliv, Environmental Program Specialist			gary.mendliv@alaska.gov	Office: 907-465-5061 Cell: 907-209-0247
	Jason Olds, Acting Director	Division of Air Quality		jason.olds@alaska.gov	907-465-5100 Fax: 907-465-5129
	Christina Carpenter, Director	Division of Environmental Health			907-269-7644
	Jon Wendel, Compliance Manager	Division of Water – Compliance	410 Willoughby Avenue Juneau, AK 99811	jon.wendel@alaska.gov	907-465-5364 Fax: 907-451-2188
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation	Gene McCabe, Program Manager	Division of Water – Wastewater Discharge Authorization	555 Cordova Street Anchorage, AK 99501	gene.mccabe@alaska.gov	907-269-7580 Fax: 907-334-2415

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State Agencies					
Alaska State Office of History & Archaeology	Judith E Bittner, Chief; OHA and SHPO	Alaska DNR, Office of History & Archaeology	550 West 7th Avenue Suite 1310	dnr.oha@alaska.gov	907-269-8715 907-269-8721 Fax: 907-269-8908
Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities	Joe E Kemp, P.E. Acting Northern Region Director	Northern Region	PO Box 112500 (mailing) 3132 Channel Drive Juneau, Alaska 99811-2500	joseph.kemp@alaska.gov	907-451-2210
	Ryan Anderson P.E. Commissioner	Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities		dot.commissioner@alaska.gov	907-465-3900
Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities	Kerri Martin, Environmental Impact Analyst, III	Department of Transportation, NR Highway Design	2301 Peger Road Fairbanks, AK 99709	kerri.martin@alaska.gov	907-451-5126
Canadian Government					
Canada Customs and Border Service Agency	Ryan Vanderstar, Assistant Director, CBSA Project Lead	Pacific Region		ryan.vanderstar@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca	
Tribal Governments					
Tanana Chiefs Conference	Brian Ridley, Chief/Chairman	Executive Board of Directors	122 1st Avenue Fairbanks, AK 99701	907-452-8251 Fax: 907-459-3851	
	Sharon Hildebrand, Vice President				
	Charlie Wright, Secretary				
	Herbie Demit				

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Tanana Chiefs Conference	Nancy James	Executive Board of Directors	122 1st Avenue Fairbanks, AK 99701		907-452-8251 Fax: 907-459-3851
	Joe Petruska				
	Lori Baker				
	Charlie Green				
	Eugene Paul				
	Alex Hanna				
	Trimble Gilbert, First Traditional Chief				
	Peter Demoski				
Tetlin Native Corporation	Gerald Albert, Traditional First Chief	Northway Traditional Council	P.O. BOX 516 Northway, AK 99764	nvcta@aptalaska.net	907-778-2311 Fax: 907-778-2220
	Michael Sam, Traditional First Chief	Native Village of Tetlin	P.O. BOX 797 Tok, AK 99780	tetlinvillagecouncil@gmail.com	907-883-2021 Fax: 907-883-1267
	David Flenauh, General Manager	Tetlin Native Corporation	P.O. Box 657 Tok, AK 99780	dflenauh@tetlincorp.com	907-280-9498 Fax: 888-898-1176

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Tribal Governments					
Tanana Chiefs Conference	Joni Young, President	Tok Native Association	P.O. BOX 372 Tok, AK 99780		907-940-5020
Ahtna, Inc.	Ken Johns, Chair	Board of Directors	115 Richardson Hwy Glenallen, AK 99588		
	Karen Linnell, Vice Chair				
	Cecil Stanford, Secretary				
	Linda Pete, Treasurer				
	Nicholas Jackson, Director				
	Lucille Lincoln, Director				907-822-3476
	Susan Taylor, Director				Fax: 907- 822-3495
	Clint Marshall, Director				
	Genevieve John, Director				
	Jessica Denny, Director				

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Ahtna, Inc.	Grant Rebne, Director	Board of Directors	115 Richardson Hwy Glenallen, AK 99588		907-822-3476 Fax: 907-822-3495
	Jason B. Hart, Director				
	John Dye, Director				
Doyon Limited	Christopher Simon, Chair	Board of Directors	1 Doyon Place, Suite 300 Fairbanks, AK 99701-2941		907-459-2000 Fax: 907-459-2060
	Shirley Cleaver, Vice Chair				
	Betty Huntington, Treasurer				
	Jennifer Fate, Secretary				
	Cheryl Cadzow				
	Walter Carlo				
	Charleen Fisher				
	Jerry Isaac				

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	Jody Potts-Joseph				
	Sonta Roach				
	Marvin Roberts				
	Orie G. Williams				
Public and Private Organizations					
Tok Chamber of Commerce			Tok Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 389, Tok, Alaska 99780 United States	info@tokalaskainfo.com	1-907-883-5775
Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.	Joe Williams, President	RurAL CAP Central Office	731 E 8th Ave. Anchorage, Alaska 99501	info@ruralcap.org	907-279-2511 Fax: 907-278-2309
Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges	David Raskin, President		59975 Eider Ave. Homer, AK 99603	davidc.raskin@me.net	425-209-9009
Members of the Public					
Private Landowner (old gas station)	Jim Bruton			mushon4ever@gmail.com	

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APPENDIX E: PUBLIC MEETING HANDOUTS AND REGISTRATION

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process



- The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires Federal agencies to consider potential environmental impacts before making a decision or taking action on their projects. The environmental review process under NEPA provides an opportunity for you to be involved in the Federal agency decision-making process.
- The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) establishes a process to identify any historic properties that could be affected by the project or action, assess the effects of the project, and seek ways to avoid or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties. GSA will pursue and complete compliance with NHPA during the NEPA process.

Project Background



- The Alcan Land Port of Entry (LPOE) is located in a remote area of southeastern Alaska and processes personal vehicles and commercial traffic. The LPOE is subject to sub-arctic weather conditions and is the only year-round operating land port between USA and Canada.
- The Alcan LPOE includes port facilities, employee housing and support features, and necessary infrastructure. The existing facilities of the LPOE have only received minor additions and improvements since their original construction in 1972. This project seeks to expand and modernize the Alcan LPOE to meet the current operational needs.

Proposed Alternatives



The EA will consider two “action” alternatives and one “no action” alternative. The two **“action” alternatives** would consist of land acquisition, construction, renovation, and demolition activities, and could include:

- Construction and operation of new LPOE facilities including a new port building, associated housing, and other structures;
- Demolition or renovation of existing port buildings; and
- Land acquisition at a new site area (Alternative 1) or from the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge (Alternative 2).

The **“no action” alternative** assumes that demolition of existing facilities, construction of new facilities, and expansion of LPOE operations would not occur. The LPOE would continue to operate under current conditions.

Submitting Comments



1. Fill out a comment form and submit it during this meeting
2. Email comment to AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov
Include “Alcan LPOE EIS” in the subject line of the message.
3. Mail comment by Monday, May 15, 2023 to:
Attention: Emily Grimes
NEPA Project Manager
U.S. General Services Administration
1301 A Street, Suite 610
Tacoma, WA 98402
4. For press inquiries only, please contact Christi Chidester Votisek at (253) 931-7127 or christina.chidester@gsa.gov

Thank you for your participation!

Please comment by either mailing to the address provided; or submitting online at:

AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov

Please reference “**Alcan LPOE EIS**” in the subject line of the email. Comments **MUST** be postmarked on or before May 15 to ensure full consideration during the scoping process.

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General Services Administration
Attention: Emily Grimes, Environmental Program Manager
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GSA Alcan Land Port of Entry EIS Scoping Comment Form



Public participation is an essential component of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, and GSA welcomes comments on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the expansion of a Land Port of Entry (LPOE) at Alcan, AK.

Please fill out the following form to ensure that the analysis, and ultimately the decision, considers the affected communities’ opinions.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list and receive information about the project, please provide your email or mailing address.

Name: _____

Affiliation (Optional): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Please check the box below if you would like to be informed of project updates.

Yes, mail/email to the above address.

Which key issues and topics would you like to see covered in the EIS?

What adverse or beneficial impacts do you think the proposed project might have on the natural and human environment?

Please provide any other comments you may have below. Attach additional sheets as needed.

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APPENDIX F: SUBMITTED PUBLIC COMMENTS



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May 15, 2023

Emily Grimes, Environmental Program Manager
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Dear Emily Grimes:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed General Services Administration's April 2023 notice to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Alcan Land Port of Entry (EPA Project Number 23-0017-GSA). EPA has conducted its review pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and our review authority under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. The CAA Section 309 role is unique to EPA and requires EPA to review and comment publicly on any proposed federal action subject to NEPA's environmental impact statement requirement.

The Draft EIS will consider the effects of proposed modernization and expansion of the Alcan Land Port of Entry. Alcan LPOE is in a remote area of eastern Alaska on the Alaska Highway. It is the only year-round, full service, 24-hour port of entry serving personal vehicles and commercial truck traffic between Yukon Territory, Canada and Interior Alaska. The DEIS will consider two action alternatives: modernizing and expanding the existing LPOE; and relocating the LPOE to a new site approximately four miles to the northwest of the current location near the Alaska-Canada border. The proposal may include operating the Alcan LPOE jointly with the Canada Border Services Agency.

EPA supports GSA's project commitment to increase energy and water efficiency, adhere to sustainable design principles, and minimize climate risk liabilities. EPA has identified concerns about potential impacts from project activities and has included comments on water quality and aquatic resources, air quality, climate change, permafrost and vegetation, environmental justice, meaningful community engagement, traditional ecological knowledge, and cumulative impacts. Enclosed are more detailed recommendations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide scoping comments for this DEIS development process. If you have questions about this review, please contact Susan Sturges of my staff at 206-553-2117 and sturges.susan@epa.gov or me, at (206) 553-1774 or at chu.rebecca@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Chu, Chief
Policy and Environmental Review Branch

Enclosure

**USEPA Detailed Scoping Comments for the
Alcan Land Port of Entry Project
Near Tok, Alaska
May 2023**

Water Quality and Aquatic Resources

Revised Definition of Waters of the United States

On January 18, 2023, EPA and the Department of Army published a final rule establishing the Revised Definition of “Waters of the United States” (2023 Rule).¹ The 2023 Rule became effective on March 20, 2023. However, on April 12, 2023, a district court judge in North Dakota issued an order preliminarily enjoining the 2023 Rule in 24 states, including Alaska.² In light of this preliminary injunction, as of the date of these comments, EPA and the Department of Army are interpreting “waters of the United States” (WOTUS) consistent with the pre-2015 regulatory definition in Alaska. Any CWA permit issued for the project will be evaluated for impacts to WOTUS based on the regulatory definition applicable at that time, which may be different from the regulatory definition that is currently applicable. For the latest information on interpretation of WOTUS in Alaska, EPA encourages GSA to contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Alaska District (USACE) or the EPA. You may also visit EPA’s Rule Status webpage for information about the status of the rule and litigation.³

Clean Water Act § 402

In Alaska, EPA issues National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for federally-owned facilities located in Denali National Park; facilities operating outside state waters; facilities that have been issued Clean Water Act § 301(h) waivers; and all permits on tribal lands. EPA has delegated authority to issue other NPDES permits to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.⁴

EPA recommends the DEIS identify any discharges to WOTUS that are known, or are likely, to occur during construction and operation of the project and how these discharges would be managed and minimized. Identify the NPDES permits that will be obtained for the construction phase, new (or modifications to) existing permits for operations, and how any previous permit exceedances could be prevented by incorporating pollution prevention measures into the project.

CWA § 404

CWA § 404 requires permits from the USACE for the discharge of dredged or fill material into WOTUS. Wetlands, vegetated shallows, mud flats, and cobble substrates are all considered special aquatic sites under the CWA Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines (40 CFR 230).

EPA recommends that the DEIS:

- Clearly identify any discharges to WOTUS that are known, or likely, to occur that will be subject to CWA § 404. Identify and describe the impact of those discharges, control

¹ Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense; and Environmental Protection Agency (January 18, 2023). Revised Definition of “Waters of the United States.” 88 FR 3004.

² See *West Virginia v. EPA*, 2023 WL 2914389 (D. N.D. 2023).

³ <https://www.epa.gov/wotus/definition-waters-united-states-rule-status-and-litigation-update>. Accessed 5/11/2023.

⁴ <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/>. Accessed 5/5/2023.

measures to be employed to address those impacts, and best management practices to prevent discharge of water and pollutants.

- Include sufficient information that can serve as a basis to determine whether the project would satisfy the requirements for the CWA § 404 permit or identify appropriate measures to mitigate the project's impacts to all WOTUS.
- Structure the alternatives analysis so that it is consistent with meeting requirements of both the CWA and NEPA.
- Describe the regulatory criteria and processes utilized to screen potential alternatives and thoroughly evaluate alternatives that would pose less adverse impacts.
- Describe how compensatory mitigation will be quantified and provided to offset impacts, with specific project examples and options as available.

For context on the CWA § 404(b)(1) analysis, the Guidelines include four main requirements (40 CFR 230.10 (a) through (d)):

Least Environmentally Damaging Practical Alternative (LEDPA) Determination - Section 230.10(a)

A CWA § 404 permit can be issued for the LEDPA only. Practicable alternatives include those that are capable and feasible of being done after taking into consideration costs, technology, and logistics. Costs alone cannot make a project not practicable. USACE permit decisions require a comprehensive evaluation of the range of alternatives to ensure the permitted alternative is the LEDPA. Identification of the LEDPA is achieved by performing an alternatives analysis that estimates the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts to jurisdictional WOTUS that would result from each of the potential project alternatives. Only when this analysis has been performed can the applicant or the permitting authority be assured that no discharge other than the practicable alternative with the least impact on the aquatic ecosystem will be authorized.

Water Quality - Section 230.10(b)

Prohibits permitting projects that would cause or contribute to violations of water quality standards, violates any applicable toxic effluent standard, jeopardizes continued existence of endangered or threatened species and impacts to critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act, or violates any requirements to protect any marine sanctuary designated under Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act.

Significant Degradation - Section 230.10(c)

Prohibits permitting a project that causes or contributes to significant degradation of aquatic resources. Effects contributing to significant degradation include: (1) adverse effects on plankton, fish, shellfish, wildlife, and special aquatic sites (40 CFR 230.10(c)(1)), (2) adverse effects on life stages of aquatic life (40 CFR 230.10(c)(2)), (3) aquatic ecosystem diversity, productivity, and stability including loss of fish and wildlife habitat (40 CFR 230.10(c)(3)), and (4) impairment or destruction of endangered species habitat (40 CFR 230.30(2)).

Mitigation - Section 230.10(d)

Requires compensatory mitigation for unavoidable impacts to aquatic resource functions. The 2008 Joint EPA-Corps Federal Mitigation Rule (40 CFR 230.91-98) establishes a preference for compensatory mitigation based on a watershed approach, which can ensure that potential direct and indirect impacts of the project are offset. In addition to identifying all measures to

avoid and minimize adverse impacts to the aquatic environment (showing compliance with 40 CFR Part 230.10(a)), for unavoidable impacts, identify compensatory mitigation.

CWA § 401

The CWA provides states and authorized tribes the authority to grant, deny, or waive certification of proposed federal licenses or permits that may discharge into WOTUS. This section of the CWA is an important tool for states and authorized tribes, in collaboration with federal agencies, to help protect the water quality of federally regulated waters within their borders. In developing the DEIS, EPA recommends early coordination with the State of Alaska regarding CWA § 401 for the purposes of streamlining regulatory processes.

CWA § 303(d)

The CWA requires states to develop a list of impaired waters that do not meet water quality standards, establish priority rankings, and develop action plans called Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to improve water quality. EPA recommends the DEIS include information on any CWA § 303(d) impaired waters in the project area and any efforts related to TMDLs. Discuss what effect, if any, project discharges may have on impaired waterbodies. EPA recommends the DEIS describe existing restoration and enhancement efforts for those waters, how the proposed project will coordinate with on-going protection efforts, and any mitigation measures that will be implemented to avoid further degradation of impaired waters.

Air Quality

EPA recommends the DEIS discuss air quality impacts from project construction, maintenance, and operations with respect to criteria air pollutants and air toxics, including diesel particulate matter emissions and fugitive dust emissions. Discuss the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of project related air emissions. Disclose current representative background air pollutant concentrations in the areas of the project and compare these concentrations to the state and federal ambient air quality standards. Disclose any air quality requirements related to the project.

For air pollutant emissions expected during construction, discuss the potential exposure of these pollutants to nearby sensitive populations. EPA recommends including a discussion of measures to minimize air quality impacts on the local environment and decrease exposure of construction-related emissions to sensitive populations. For example, locate construction equipment and staging zones away from sensitive receptors and fresh air intakes to buildings.

Climate Change

On January 9, 2023, Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) published interim guidance to assist federal agencies in assessing and disclosing climate change impacts during environmental reviews.⁵ CEQ developed this guidance in response to EO 13990, *Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis*. This interim guidance is effective immediately. CEQ indicated that agencies use this interim guidance to inform the NEPA review for all new proposed actions and may use it for evaluations in process, as agencies deem appropriate, such as informing the consideration of alternatives or helping address comments raised through the public comment process.

⁵ <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/01/09/2023-00158/national-environmental-policy-act-guidance-on-consideration-of-greenhouse-gas-emissions-and-climate>. Accessed 5/5/2023.

EPA recommends the DEIS apply the interim guidance as appropriate, to ensure robust consideration of potential climate impacts, mitigation, and adaptation issues.

Permafrost and Vegetation

The proposed project may result in the disturbance of permafrost resulting from removing the overlying vegetation and organic material, placing gravel fill material on the surface for access roads and facility pads, or excavating and trenching the area to install underground facilities. EPA recommends that the DEIS include discussion of the following:

- Baseline information on vegetation and permafrost, including a location/mapping analysis.
- Surface disturbance activities to permafrost and vegetation and related impacts.
- Mitigation measures to minimize the project impacts to permafrost and vegetation.
- Potential for invasive plant introduction and control mechanisms to minimize economic, ecological, and human health impacts in the area.
- Restoration and reclamation of disturbed areas post project construction.

Environmental Justice

On April 21, 2023, President Biden signed Executive Order 14096, *Revitalizing Our Nation’s Commitment to Environmental Justice for All*⁶ which highlights the need for a whole-of-government effort to confront longstanding environmental injustices and inequities. Consistent with Executive Order 12898 and each agency’s statutory authority, EO 14096 calls on each agency to make achieving EJ part of its mission, including by carrying out environmental reviews under NEPA in a manner that:

- analyzes direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of federal actions on communities with EJ concerns;
- considers best available science and information on any disparate health effects (including risks) arising from exposure to pollution and other environmental hazards, such as information related to the race, national origin, socioeconomic status, age, disability, and sex of the individuals exposed; and
- provides opportunities for early and meaningful involvement in the environmental review process by communities with EJ concerns potentially affected by the proposed action.

EJScreen is EPA’s nationally consistent environmental justice screening and mapping tool.⁷ EJScreen offers a variety of powerful data and mapping capabilities that enable users to understand details about the population of an area and the environmental conditions in which they live. The tool provides information on environmental and socioeconomic indicators as well as pollution sources, health disparities, critical service gaps, and climate change data. The data is displayed in color-coded maps and standard data reports which feature how a selected location compares to the rest of the nation and state.

Assessing EJScreen information is a useful first step in understanding or highlighting locations that may be candidates for further review or outreach. EPA considers a project to be in an area of potential environmental justice (EJ) concern when an EJScreen analysis for the impacted area shows one or more at or above the 80th percentile in the nation and/or state. An area may also warrant additional review if other information suggests the potential for EJ concerns. An EJScreen analysis which does not reveal

⁶ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/04/21/executive-order-on-revitalizing-our-nations-commitment-to-environmental-justice-for-all/>. Accessed 5/11/23.

⁷ EPA’s Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool (Version 2.0): <https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/>. Accessed 5/5/2023.

the potential for EJ concerns should not be interpreted to mean that there are definitively no EJ concerns present.

It is important to consider all impacted areas by the proposed action(s). Areas of impact can be very focused and contained within a single block group, or broader, spanning across several block groups and communities.⁸ Important caveats and uncertainties apply to this screening-level information, so it is essential to understand the limitations on appropriate interpretations and applications of these indicators.⁹ Further review or outreach may be necessary for the proposed action. To address these potential concerns, EPA recommends the DEIS:

- Apply methods from "Environmental Justice Interagency Working Group Promising Practices for EJ Methodologies in NEPA Reviews" report to this project.¹⁰ This report compiles methodologies from current agency practices for integrating EJ considerations in NEPA processes.
- Characterize the project site with specific information or data related to EJ concerns.¹¹
- Describe potential EJ concerns for all EJ Indexes at or above the 80th percentile in the state and/or nation.
- Screen for and describe all individual block groups within or intersecting a 1-mile radius of the project.
- Describe individual block groups within the project area in addition to an area-wide assessment.
- As EJScreen does not have data on all factors that may be relevant for identify EJ concerns, supplement data with county level reports and local knowledge.

Projects in rural locations can often occur near communities with EJ concerns experiencing critical service gaps (e.g., food deserts, medically underserved areas) or near locations where Tribal members and indigenous peoples reside. EPA recommends consulting data in EJScreen on these topics (and other reasonably available data) to help inform EJ scoping efforts. Due to low population densities in rural areas, the presence of communities with EJ concerns can be underrepresented. Underrepresentation can also result from larger geographic units of analysis (e.g., census tracts) in rural areas.

Meaningful Public Engagement

EPA recommends the DEIS detail the opportunities for effective and meaningful public engagement for communities with EJ concerns, as described in the Promising Practices for EJ Methodologies in NEPA reviews and EO 14096. We recommend the following measures to further advance meaningful involvement:

- Carefully review and consider community feedback provided during the NEPA process. Ensure that the NEPA engagement approach is sensitive and responsive to the wellbeing of affected communities.

⁸Agencies should define community as “either a group of individuals living in geographic proximity to one another, or a geographically dispersed set of individuals (such as migrant workers or Native Americans), where either type of group experiences common conditions” (Interim Justice40 Guidance – Executive Order 14008 on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad, January 27, 2021).

⁹ EPA’s Technical Documentation for EJScreen: <https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen/technical-information-about-ejscreen> . Accessed 5/5/2023.

¹⁰ Promising Practices for EJ Methodologies in NEPA Reviews: https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2016-08/documents/nepa_promising_practices_document_2016.pdf . Accessed 5/5/2023.

¹¹ For more information about potential EJ concerns, refer to the July 21, 2021, Memorandum for the Heads of Departments and Agencies Interim Implementation Guidance for the Justice40 Initiative: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/M-21-28.pdf>. Accessed 5/5/2023.

- Ensure that community feedback is reflected in the decision-making process. Design robust community engagement practices to maximize participation opportunities for communities that would be affected by the project, such as community-based workshops to facilitate discussion and issue resolution. Community-based workshops may also provide an opportunity to identify key issues and milestones for meaningful engagement in the NEPA process for the communities.
- Provide early and frequent outreach and engagement opportunities to collect and incorporate community feedback throughout the NEPA process and to maintain maximum transparency.
- Ensure that translation/interpretation services are provided to accommodate linguistically isolated populations.
- Address technology barriers that may prohibit participation from communities affected by the project.
- Ensure that meetings are scheduled at a time and location that is accessible for community participants, including scheduling meetings after work hours and on weekends as appropriate.
- Provide ample notice of meetings and commenting opportunities so that community members have sufficient time to prepare and participate.
- Promote engagement opportunities within appropriate outlets used by affected communities, such as newspapers, radio, and social media.
- Ensure that all project-related information is conveyed using plain language so that community members of varied reading proficiencies can readily understand the project-related information.

Tribal Consultation

EPA encourages GSA to consult with the Tribes and incorporate feedback from the Tribes when making decisions regarding the project. EPA recommends the DEIS describe the issues raised during the consultations and how those issues were addressed.

Traditional Ecological Knowledge

On November 30, 2022, CEQ published Guidance for Federal Department and Agencies on Indigenous Knowledge.¹² EPA recommends the DEIS include the identification, inclusion, and integration of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) into the NEPA analysis. This can include the collection of local and traditional knowledge concerning the affected environment, anticipated impacts from the project, as well as traditional hunting and land use patterns in the area. TEK could also be used to support the understanding of how climate change has impacted local environmental resources and subsistence resources. In addition to reviewing any pertinent traditional environmental knowledge currently available, additional studies and outreach may be conducted as necessary to clearly identify concerns and potential impacts, including cumulative impacts, from the proposed project and project alternatives.

Cumulative Effects

EPA recommends the DEIS include an assessment of the cumulative impacts that would be associated with the proposed action, specifically, five key areas:

- Resources, if any, that are being cumulatively impacted.
- Appropriate geographic area and the time over which the effects have occurred and will occur.

¹² <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/OSTP-CEQ-IK-Guidance.pdf>. Accessed 5/5/2023.

- All past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions that have affected, are affecting, or would affect resources of concern.
- A benchmark or baseline of existing environmental conditions.
- Scientifically defensible threshold levels.

Endangered Species

The proposed project may impact endangered, threatened, or candidate species listed under the Endangered Species Act and their habitats. State sensitive species may also be impacted. EPA recommends that the DEIS:

- Identify the endangered, threatened, and candidate species under ESA, and other sensitive species within the project area and vicinity.
- Provide information on the critical habitat for the species.
- Evaluate impacts the project could have on the species and their critical habitats.
- Describe how the proposed project will meet all requirements under ESA, including consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



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May 12, 2023

Re: Notice #P-2023-01

Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges (Friends) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that supports all 16 National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska on a voluntary basis. We request that the DEIS for **Notice #P-2023-01, Port of Alcan replacement** analyze the **full range of impacts on the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge**, particularly impacts to the recreational, subsistence, historical, and watershed resources of the Refuge. All proposed actions and alternatives must adhere to the purposes and legal requirements embodied in the Alaska National Interest Conservation Lands Act (ANILCA), especially the provisions governing subsistence and the transfer of lands from and to a federal conservation unit.

Alternative 1. This alternative would remove 10 Refuge acres from Conservation Status, obliterating the Airs Hill Trailhead and blocking public access. This impact on the human and natural environment must be addressed in the DEIS and propose mitigation, such as moving the trailhead and parking area and acquiring mitigation acres. This is the Refuge's longest trail with a planned one-mile extension that will connect the highway to the Refuge's historic Mirror Lake public use cabin, making it the only Refuge cabin that is hiking accessible.

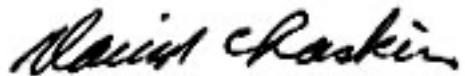
Alternative 2. We have major concerns about this alternative. The DEIS must address the impact of moving the Port of Entry four miles up the highway, which would locate key refuge recreational, historic, and subsistence assets on the "wrong" side of the port of entry. The EIS must address **how the relocation of Port Alcan will affect human access to the Refuge**. This proposed relocation may deter visitors and subsistence hunters from going through a relocated Port Alcan to access Desper and Scottie Creeks and other refuge lands adjacent to those four miles of the Alcan Highway. It should also address potential impediments to the transport of firearms through the relocated Port because this is a hunting area and many visitors carry guns for bear protection. It should explicitly describe the requirements for identification/documentation by Refuge visitors who must return through the port of entry.

Scottie and Desper creeks are among the Refuge's most important recreational assets. Therefore, a thorough analysis must address:

- The canoe routes that offer an opportunity for a loop trip and access to the lake country of the Refuge. Canoes can be launched at either Desper or Scottie Creek, and Desper also has a boat launch suitable for skiffs. Friends has led three trips to this area.
- Scottie and Desper creeks important access for both subsistence and sport hunting.
- The Refuge's Scottie Creek highway crossing also contains a historic cabin that the Refuge has stabilized and repaired for public use. This must be addressed under historical resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please include us on your mailing list for this project
info@alaskarefugefriends.org.

Sincerely,



David C. Raskin, Ph.D.
President
Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges



Emily Grimes - 10PMEA <emily.grimes@gsa.gov>

Alcan LPOE EIS - EPA Comments

2 messages

'Sturges, Susan (she/her/hers)' via Alcan LPOE Project Inbox <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>

Mon, May 15, 2023 at 1:26 PM

Reply-To: "Sturges, Susan (she/her/hers)" <Sturges.Susan@epa.gov>

To: "AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov" <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>

Hello,

Please see attached for EPA's scoping comments for GSA's proposed Alcan Land Port of Entry Project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Sturges

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Submit NEPA environmental review documents to R10-NEPA@epa.gov

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Alcan LPOE Project Inbox <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>

Tue, May 16, 2023 at 7:31 AM

To: Alcan LPOE Project Inbox <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>

Cc: "Sturges, Susan (she/her/hers)" <Sturges.Susan@epa.gov>

Hello Susan,

Thank you for taking the time to review the proposed project information and providing comments. These will be reviewed and addressed within the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Regards,

[Quoted text hidden]



Alcan LPOE EIS

2 messages

john brown <cabinalaska@gmail.com>
To: AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov

Wed, May 10, 2023 at 9:36 PM

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the new Alcan Border Station.
I have used this border station dozens of times over the last 50 years.

Please put on the mailing list for any communication and updates on this
project.

Due to the remote nature and extreme weather at this station, the site
should include some amenities not found at most stations.

First, the station needs ample public restrooms, accessible before the
customs station. A place that people can use before they get in the queue
to clear customs.

Second, the station needs to make arrangements for cell phone service
at the site. Cell service would greatly improve the safety and convenience
of the operation for the public and the employees. Currently the nearest
cell coverage is 20+ miles from the station.

I realize that these services are not normally provided at border stations,
but the absence of alternative nearby facilities makes this site unique.

Thanks,

John Brown
PO Box 81861
Fairbanks AK
USA 99708

Alcan LPOE Project Inbox <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>
To: Alcan LPOE Project Inbox <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>
Cc: john brown <cabinalaska@gmail.com>

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 9:09 AM

Hello John,

Thank you for taking the time to provide your comments on the proposed construction project at the Alcan Land Port of Entry. Your comments will be reviewed and addressed in the environmental review.

In addition, your request for being added to the mailing list has been accepted.

Thank you for expressing interest in this project.

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Expansion and Modernization of Alcan Land Port of Entry, Alcan, Alaska (Notice #P-2023-01)

2 messages

'Betchkal, Davyd' via Alcan LPOE Project Inbox <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>

Mon, May 1, 2023 at 2:51 PM

Reply-To: "Betchkal, Davyd" <Davyd_Betchkal@nps.gov>

To: "AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov" <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>

Cc: "Pearson, Georgina A" <Gina_Pearson@nps.gov>

To the GSA Environmental Program Manager,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed expansion and modernization of the Alcan Land Port of Entry during the scoping phase of the project.

Natural lightscapes are part of the resources and values protected under the National Park Service Organic Act. Various other priority management objectives are also associated with natural darkness including wildlife, cultural and historic resources, public health and safety, visitor enjoyment, and wilderness character. The national park area of concern related to this project is Wrangell St-Elias National Park, the largest designated Wilderness in the National Wilderness Preservation System. The park protects more than nine million acres of Alaskan tundra and boreal forest and associated wildlife. One of the qualities embodied in wilderness character is the opportunity for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation, including an experience free from the sights of modern development (artificial light at night). The NPS main concern is sky glow from the project.

The NPS Management Policies (https://www.nps.gov/subjects/policy/upload/MP_2006.pdf) direct park managers to “preserve, to the greatest extent possible, the natural lightscapes of parks, which are natural resources and values that exist in the absence of human-caused light”. A major threat to the conservation of natural lightscapes (naturally dark night skies) is light pollution and therefore, preserving natural lightscapes inherently includes the application of sustainable outdoor lighting principles.

NPS policy also states that parks should “minimize light that emanates from park facilities, and also seek the cooperation of park visitors, neighbors, and local government agencies to prevent or minimize the intrusion of artificial light into the night scene of the ecosystems of parks.” Sustainable outdoor lighting also improves energy efficiency, reduces operation & maintenance costs and carbon footprints.

The NPS encourages GSA to consider adopting early in the planning process [sustainable lighting principles](#) that are not only used by the NPS, but many other agencies and organizations around the country. See below infographic designed by our partners at IES and IDA. Thinking about lighting early on can help inform proper lighting design and develop lighting mitigations that protect the night sky resource and its associated resources and values.

LIGHT TO PROTECT THE NIGHT

Five Principles for Responsible Outdoor Lighting



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USEFUL



ALL LIGHT SHOULD HAVE A CLEAR PURPOSE

Before installing or replacing a light, determine if light is needed. Consider how the use of light will impact the area, including wildlife and the environment. Consider using reflective paints or self-luminous markers for signs, curbs, and steps to reduce the need for permanently installed outdoor lighting.

TARGETED



LIGHT SHOULD BE DIRECTED ONLY TO WHERE NEEDED

Use shielding and careful aiming to target the direction of the light beam so that it points downward and does not spill beyond where it is needed.

LOW LIGHT LEVELS



LIGHT SHOULD BE NO BRIGHTER THAN NECESSARY

Use the lowest light level required. Be mindful of surface conditions as some surfaces may reflect more light into the night sky than intended.

CONTROLLED



LIGHT SHOULD BE USED ONLY WHEN IT IS USEFUL

Use controls such as timers or motion detectors to ensure that light is available when it is needed, dimmed when possible, and turned off when not needed.

COLOR



USE WARMER COLOR LIGHTS WHERE POSSIBLE

Limit the amount of shorter wavelength (blue-violet) light to the least amount needed.

On behalf of Wrangell St. - Elias National Park and Preserve,
Davyd Halyn

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Davyd Halyn Betchkal (he/they)
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Alcan LPOE Project Inbox <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>

Mon, May 1, 2023 at 4:09 PM

To: Alcan LPOE Project Inbox <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>

Cc: "Betchkal, Davyd" <Davyd_Betchkal@nps.gov>, "Pearson, Georgina A" <Gina_Pearson@nps.gov>

Hello Davyd,

Thank you for providing this information and comment to GSA. This information will be researched during the NEPA process and will also be taken into account prior to construction.

Regards

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FW: GSA Alcan LPOE EIS Preparation and Public Meeting

5 messages

Templeton, Harvey M (DNR) <harvey.templeton@alaska.gov>
To: "AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov" <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>
Cc: "Head, Melissa M (DNR)" <melissa.head@alaska.gov>

Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 3:44 PM

Good Afternoon,

Are there any more materials detailing the proposed project and its alternatives? Usually when we get scoping inquiries the details of the proposed project are outlined (e.g., proposed site maps, a tentative development plan, etc.). I didn't notice any imagery or additional details attached to the letter or in the linked webpage. Having that additional information would allow DMLW to provide a more informed response.

Also, I apologize for the duplicative email I sent to Robbie. I just noticed it asked to direct questions to this email address.

Thanks,
Harvey

Harvey Templeton (he/him)

Natural Resource Manager 1

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From: Robbie Baldwin <Robbie.Baldwin@solvllc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 1:06 PM
To: Templeton, Harvey M (DNR) <harvey.templeton@alaska.gov>
Subject: GSA Alcan LPOE EIS Preparation and Public Meeting

You don't often get email from robbie.baldwin@solvllc.com. Learn why this is important

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the State of Alaska mail system. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Mr. Templeton,

I am a contracted environmental scientist assisting the General Services Administration (GSA) with the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the modernization of the Alcan, Alaska Land Port of Entry (LPOE). The attached letter describes details of the project, instructions for commenting, and instructions for registration for the upcoming virtual public meeting on Wednesday, April 26th. Please direct all questions regarding the project to the AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov inbox.

Thank you,



Robbie Baldwin 703 760 4801 x124

Robbie.Baldwin@solvllc.com

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 [GSA Alcan LPOE EIS - Interested Parties Letter.pdf](#)
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Cc: "AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov" <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>, "Head, Melissa M (DNR)" <melissa.head@alaska.gov>

Aaron and Emily,

Do we have anything that would suffice for the info requested from Harvey? Or perhaps a quick meeting?

thanks,

Rick

Rick Rachow, PMP

Capital Projects Branch Chief

GSA, PBS, Northwest/Arctic Region (10)

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Email: rick.rachow@gsa.gov

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Emily Grimes - 10PMEA <emily.grimes@gsa.gov>

Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 5:11 PM

To: Richard Rachow - 10PCC <rick.rachow@gsa.gov>

Cc: "Templeton, Harvey M (DNR)" <harvey.templeton@alaska.gov>, "AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov" <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>, "Head, Melissa M (DNR)" <melissa.head@alaska.gov>

Hi Harvey,

The presentation on April 26th will go over the details of the proposed alternatives and design layout with maps. The public comment period for the initial scoping period ends on May 15th. This will not be the only time to make comments during this NEPA Analysis, so all future comment periods will also be discussed during the presentation.

Thank you

Emily Grimes

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Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 5:21 PM

To: Alcan LPOE Project Inbox <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>

Cc: "Templeton, Harvey M (DNR)" <harvey.templeton@alaska.gov>, "Head, Melissa M (DNR)" <melissa.head@alaska.gov>

Hi Harvey,

As an update to my email. I will look into providing you with some figures to help assist your agency with any possible comments.

Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

Alcan LPOE Project Inbox <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>

Thu, Apr 20, 2023 at 9:01 AM

To: Alcan LPOE Project Inbox <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>

Cc: Alcan LPOE Project Inbox <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>, "Templeton, Harvey M (DNR)" <harvey.templeton@alaska.gov>, "Head, Melissa M (DNR)" <melissa.head@alaska.gov>

Good Morning Harvey,

I have attached two aerial map images with shapes roughly outlining the proposed project areas. Details are still being developed on the project, which includes, design, layout and location. Due to this, it will be helpful to attend the upcoming meeting where GSA can explain current proposed actions and the reasoning behind them.

Thank you

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2 attachments



Proposed Alternative Off-Site Location Google Maps.jpg
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U.S. Customs and Border Protection - Alcan Port of Entry - Google Maps.jpg
320K



Emily Grimes - 10PMEA <emily.grimes@gsa.gov>

GIS Coordinates for Alcan LPOE Project

4 messages

Mendivil, Gary A (DEC) <gary.mendivil@alaska.gov>

Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 2:59 PM

To: "AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov" <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>, "Robbie.Baldwin@solvllc.com" <Robbie.Baldwin@solvllc.com>

Would someone be able to provide GIS coordinates for the Alcan LPOE project so that our department can determine if there is a contaminated site associated with the facility?

Gary Mendivil

Office of the Commissioner

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

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(907) 209-0247 cell

Richard Rachow - 10PCC <rick.rachow@gsa.gov>

Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 3:26 PM

To: "Mendivil, Gary A (DEC)" <gary.mendivil@alaska.gov>, Aaron Evanson - 10PCC <david.evanson@gsa.gov>

Cc: "AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov" <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>, "Robbie.Baldwin@solvllc.com" <Robbie.Baldwin@solvllc.com>

Aaron,

Please provide the info requested.

thanks,

Rick

Rick Rachow, PMP

Capital Projects Branch Chief

GSA, PBS, Northwest/Arctic Region (10)

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Aaron Evanson - 10PCC <david.evanson@gsa.gov>

Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 4:00 PM

To: Richard Rachow - 10PCC <rick.rachow@gsa.gov>

Cc: "Mendivil, Gary A (DEC)" <gary.mendivil@alaska.gov>, "AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov" <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>, "Robbie.Baldwin@solvllc.com" <Robbie.Baldwin@solvllc.com>

Gary,

Alcan GIS Coordinates: 62.620559125789, -141.0077708428981

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Thanks,

Aaron

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U.S. General Services Administration

Aaron Evanson (he/him)

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Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 4:56 PM

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thanks Aaron

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GSA Alcan LPOE EIS Prep and Public Meeting

5 messages

Martin, Kerri L (DOT) <kerri.martin@alaska.gov>
To: "AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov" <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>

Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 10:44 AM

Hello,

I would be interested in the virtual Public meeting on April 26th. Is it possible to get a copy of the letter that describes the project and instructions for commenting?

Thank You,

Kerri



Kerri L. Martin

Department of Transportation & Public Facilities| NR Highway Design

Environmental Impact Analyst, III

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To: robbie.baldwin@solvllc.com

Cc: Aaron Evanson - 10PCC <david.evanson@gsa.gov>, Richard Rachow - 10PCC <rick.rachow@gsa.gov>, Kimberly Gant - 10PCE <kimberly.gant@gsa.gov>, John Woods - PCBAB <john.woods@gsa.gov>, Kurt Ennis - PCBA-C <kurt.ennis@gsa.gov>, Kate Gill - PTA <kate.gill@gsa.gov>

Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 11:11 AM

Hi Robbie,

Please send an email to Kerri Martin as you did for the other Interested Parties. I will let her know that this will be coming to her soon.

I'll add her to the Alcan Stakeholders list too.

Thank you

Emily Grimes
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Robbie Baldwin <Robbie.Baldwin@solvllc.com>

Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 11:25 AM

To: Emily Grimes - 10PMEA <emily.grimes@gsa.gov>

Cc: Aaron Evanson - 10PCC <david.evanson@gsa.gov>, Richard Rachow - 10PCC <rick.rachow@gsa.gov>, Kimberly Gant - 10PCE <kimberly.gant@gsa.gov>, John Woods - PCBAB <john.woods@gsa.gov>, Kurt Ennis - PCBA-C <kurt.ennis@gsa.gov>, Kate Gill - PTA <kate.gill@gsa.gov>

Will do!



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Emily Grimes - 10PMEA <emily.grimes@gsa.gov>

Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 11:27 AM

To: Robbie Baldwin <Robbie.Baldwin@solvllc.com>

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Thank you!

Emily Grimes

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Alcan LPOE Project Inbox <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>
To: Alcan LPOE Project Inbox <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>
Cc: "Martin, Kerri L (DOT)" <kerri.martin@alaska.gov>

Wed, Apr 19, 2023 at 12:07 PM

Hi Kerri,

Thank you for expressing interest in this project and plans to attend the upcoming meeting. You will receive a separate email with the letter containing registration and comment information. If you do not receive the email by Friday, please let us know.

You have also been added to the list of stakeholders for this project, so you will be included on future emails to interested parties.

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Notice #P-2023-01

'David Raskin' via Alcan LPOE Project Inbox <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>

Fri, May 12, 2023 at 4:59 PM

Reply-To: David Raskin <davidc.raskin@me.com>

To: AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov

Please accept the attached scoping comments.

Thank you.

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 Scoping comments.pdf
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Re: Alcan Land Port of Entry

1 message

Alcan LPOE Project Inbox <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>
To: Alcan LPOE Project Inbox <AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov>
Cc: Thomas Middendorf <TMiddendorf@dowl.com>

Wed, May 10, 2023 at 1:36 PM

Hello Thomas,

Thank you for taking the time to reach out to GSA. If we go with the off-site option, the Land Port of Entry (LPOE) would move about 4 miles away from the original location, but there are no plans to move the Port complex any closer than that. When it comes to your questions regarding Airport Operations at Northway, those should be directed to the CBP Portland field operations office which oversees all Alaskan ports of entry (<https://www.cbp.gov/contact/ports/field-office/portland>).

Please let us know if you have any other comments or questions regarding the proposed modernization and expansion of the Alcan Land Port of Entry.

On Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 3:17:10 PM UTC-7 Thomas Middendorf wrote:

Hi

I am a consultant for the State of Alaska looking at options for development of airports from Tok to Northway. Residents of Tok have expressed concerns with how pilots crossing the border are handled by Customs at Northway. They have expressed interest in Customs either relocating closer to Tok or providing staff at Tok, so the pilots can clear customs at the Tok Junction Airport where there are services for pilots and their airplanes. There are no services at Northway. They are also concerned about the limited hours per day Customs is available to clear pilots at Northway.

Has any consideration been given to how pilots will be cleared when entering Alaska? Has any consideration been given to relocating the border station closer to Tok?

Is there any more information about the proposed new port of entry besides what is published on the gsa website at [Alcan Land Port of Entry | GSA](#)

Thank you

Tom

Thomas Middendorf
Senior Aviation Planner

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Fwd: Fw: ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (ER) NEW POSTING NOTIFICATION: ER23/0136 - GSA Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Expansion and Modernization of the Alcan Land Port of Entry in Alcan, Alaska

10 messages

Joseph Bonk - 10PPTA <joseph.bonk@gsa.gov>

Mon, Apr 10, 2023 at 1:26 PM

To: Aaron Evanson - 10PCC <david.evanson@gsa.gov>, Kimberly Gant - 10PCE <kimberly.gant@gsa.gov>, Emily Grimes - 10PMEA <emily.grimes@gsa.gov>

Aaron, Kim, Emily,

I am not sure who the right person is to ask so I included all of you. Shawn from US FWS in Alaska is asking whether the Upper Tanana Villages have been contacted about the upcoming public scoping meeting.

I told him that I think they are being notified about this and about our separate Tribal outreach but that I will need to confirm this.

I know that all of those villages were on the stakeholders list that I did the initial draft of. Were these villages contacted for this virtual public scoping?

Thanks

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From: Bayless, Shawn <shawn_bayless@fws.gov>

Date: Mon, Apr 10, 2023 at 12:03 PM

Subject: Fw: ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (ER) NEW POSTING NOTIFICATION: ER23/0136 - GSA Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Expansion and Modernization of the Alcan Land Port of Entry in Alcan, Alaska

To: Joseph Bonk - 10PPTA <joseph.bonk@gsa.gov>

Cc: Tammy Sadler - PTA <tammy.sadler@gsa.gov>, Keeler, Jacqueline J <jacqueline_keeler@fws.gov>

Hi Joseph-just received this from one of our planners and wondering if I can get on the original mail list? And wondering if Upper Tanana villages have been notified? This is the first I've heard of the public scoping meeting (in two weeks) and likely will not be able to attend due to previous commitments. Thanks.

Shawn Bayless
Refuge Manager
Tetlin NWR
907-883-9401

Speak the truth as you see it, or grow to despise yourself more and more and more-Douglas Murray

From: Henszey, Bob <bob_henszey@fws.gov>

Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 10:07 AM

To: Bjornlie, Nichole L <nichole_bjornlie@fws.gov>; Bayless, Shawn <shawn_bayless@fws.gov>

Subject: RE: ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (ER) NEW POSTING NOTIFICATION: ER23/0136 - GSA Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Expansion and Modernization of the Alcan Land Port of Entry in Alcan, Alaska

Nichole,

CPA has no concerns with the proposed upgrades to the Alcan Land Port of Entry, unless Shawn Bayless (copied) from Tetlin NWR has concerns. Tetlin NWR has a visitor center at the Port of Entry that may be impacted. There will be a virtual public scoping meeting on Wednesday, April 26th from 5-7 pm, and more can be found on this website: <https://www.gsa.gov/about-us/regions/welcome-to-the-northwest-arctic-region-10/buildings-and-facilities/alaska/alcan-land-port-of-entry>. The Federal Register has a bit more into too.

Bob

Robert J. Henszey, Ph.D.

Branch Manager

Conservation Planning Assistance

US Fish & Wildlife Service

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Fairbanks, AK 99701

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Bob_Henszey@fws.gov

"Water Always Wins," Dr. Who 2009.11.15

From: Bjornlie, Nichole L <nichole_bjornlie@fws.gov>

Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 8:36 AM

To: Henszey, Bob <bob_henszey@fws.gov>

Subject: Fw: ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (ER) NEW POSTING NOTIFICATION: ER23/0136 - GSA Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Expansion and Modernization of the Alcan Land Port of Entry in Alcan, Alaska

Hi Bob,

Here's one for your consideration.

Happy Monday,

Nichole

Nichole Bjornlie (she/her)

Conservation Planning Assistance Coordinator

Regional Military Lands Conservation Coordinator

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From: Cochon, Grace M <grace_cochon@ios.doi.gov>

Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 8:29 AM

To: Bella, Elizabeth M <elizabeth_bella@nps.gov>; Furr, Gabriella (Bella) <bella_furr@nps.gov>; Schofield, Leah J <leah_schofield@nps.gov>; Bjornlie, Nichole L <nichole_bjornlie@fws.gov>; Sweet, Serena E <ssweet@blm.gov>; Williams, Dee M <dmwilliams@usgs.gov>; Yazzie, Harrilene J <Harrilene.Yazzie@bia.gov>

Cc: Crane, Drew <drew_crane@fws.gov>; Fox, Lisa M <lisa_fox@ios.doi.gov>

Subject: Fw: ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (ER) NEW POSTING NOTIFICATION: ER23/0136 - GSA Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Expansion and Modernization of the Alcan Land Port of Entry in Alcan, Alaska

FYI - please send any comments directly to GSA

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Grace Cochon

Regional Environmental Protection Specialist

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From: oepchq@ios.doi.gov <oepchq@ios.doi.gov>

Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 5:28 AM

To: Brueggeman, Louis C <louis_brueggeman@ios.doi.gov>; Alam, Shawn K <Shawn_Alam@ios.doi.gov>; Braegelmann, Carol <carol_braegelmann@ios.doi.gov>; Kelly, Cheryl L <cheryl_kelly@ios.doi.gov>; Wilson, Wenona B <wenona.wilson@bia.gov>; Yazzie, Harrilene J <Harrilene.Yazzie@bia.gov>; Gilbert, Megan A <magilbert@blm.gov>; Paulete, Francisca (Panchita) <fpaulete@blm.gov>; Montoya, Jennifer A <jamontoy@blm.gov>; ERs, FWS HQ <FWS_HQ_ERs@fws.gov>; Stedeford, Melissa <Melissa_Stedeford@nps.gov>; Runkel, Roxanne <Roxanne_Runkel@nps.gov>; Rideout, Sterling J <srideout@osmre.gov>; Allen, Christine E <ceallen@osmre.gov>; Gordon, Alison D <agordon@usgs.gov>; Janowicz, Jon A <jjanowicz@usgs.gov>; Yazzie, Harrilene J <Harrilene.Yazzie@bia.gov>; Wilson, Wenona B <wenona.wilson@bia.gov>; oepchq@ios.doi.gov <oepchq@ios.doi.gov>; Fox, Lisa M <lisa_fox@ios.doi.gov>; Cochon, Grace M <grace_cochon@ios.doi.gov>

Subject: ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW (ER) NEW POSTING NOTIFICATION: ER23/0136 - GSA Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Expansion and Modernization of the Alcan Land Port of Entry in Alcan, Alaska

This e-mail alerts you to a Environmental Review (ER) request from the Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance (OEPC). This ER can be accessed [here](#).

To access electronic ERs visit the Environmental Assignments website: <https://ecl.doi.gov/ERs.cfm>. For assistance, please contact the Environmental Review Team at 202-208-5464.

Comments due to Agency by: 05/15/23

Kimberly Gant - 10PCE <kimberly.gant@gsa.gov>

Mon, Apr 10, 2023 at 1:36 PM

To: Joseph Bonk - 10PPTA <joseph.bonk@gsa.gov>

Cc: Aaron Evanson - 10PCC <david.evanson@gsa.gov>, Emily Grimes - 10PMIA <emily.grimes@gsa.gov>

I have sent letters/emails to Tanana Chiefs Conference, Northway Village and Tetlin Village. I did not send anything specifically about the public notice as the plan is for direct consultation.

[Quoted text hidden]

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Kim Gant

Regional Historic Preservation Officer (RHPO) and Regional Fine Arts Officer (RFAO)
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The USGS has no comment at this time. Thank you.

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Mon, Apr 17, 2023 at 8:11 AM

To: Joseph Bonk - 10PPTA <joseph.bonk@gsa.gov>, Aaron Evanson - 10PCC <david.evanson@gsa.gov>, Kimberly Gant - 10PCE <kimberly.gant@gsa.gov>

Thank you Kim.

Aaron - When it comes to Bob Henszy mentioning the visitor's center at the LPOE, I know there is a visitors center miles down the road, but did not recall one being at the LPOE. Is his statement correct?

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Yes, that's correct; the only visitor center out there is for the Tetlin Wildlife Refuge and it's run by Fish and Wildlife Services.

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Thank you

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Tue, Apr 18, 2023 at 5:22 PM

Thank you Brett.

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Marshall Popkin - PTA <marshall.popkin@gsa.gov>

To: Emily Grimes - 10PMEA <emily.grimes@gsa.gov>

Tue, May 9, 2023 at 8:28 AM

Just going thru my emails (there are a lot!)... please make sure that all comments (even "no comments") get back to Solv for inclusion in the project record.

Thank you!

Marshall

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Yes, I know there are a lot of emails since you've been gone. I planned on providing everything to Solv May 16th, due to the comment period ending May 15th for Alcan.

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Tue, May 9, 2023 at 8:46 AM

Sounds good :)

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Transcript of Spoken Comments Received at the Alcan Public Scoping Meeting on 4/26/2023

Table 1: List of Speakers and Affiliation

Name of Speaker	Affiliation	Comment Code (If Applicable)
Emily Grimes	GSA	N/A
Aaron Evanson	GSA	N/A
Susan Sturges	Public	A5
Marcy Good	Public	P4
Leon Kolankiewicz	Solv	N/A
Robbie Baldwin	Solv	N/A

Speaker: Robbie Baldwin, Solv

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Susan, would you like to talk? Feel free to unmute yourself?

Speaker: Susan Sturges, EPA

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Thank you. Yeah, I actually don't have comments. I just have some questions. If that's okay.

Speaker: Robbie Baldwin, Solv

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Perfectly fine.

Speaker: Susan Sturges, EPA

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Okay, great. So I was curious. If you could talk a little bit about the proposal to have the land port of entry relocated. Was there, I'm just. I'm just wondering if there's just some, if there are specific if there's like attractiveness, or if what the perks are, if you will, like, what kind of made you decide to potentially relocate the land port of entry, I'm just wondering if there's like cost savings or time savings or reduction with impacts. But I'm just trying to have a better understanding of the the decision behind including a relocated port of entry facility.

Speaker: Aaron Evanson, GSA

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I can take that one. That's a really good question, Susan. So when we did the feasibility, study and looked at the difference between staying on site or moving, one of the huge draws of actually moving offsite is that we can keep all of the housing onsite. We wouldn't have to stage it separately or move people out as we're trying to rebuild that housing, and also it keeps the port operations functional 24/7, without having to again build temporary facilities at the border station now or try and phase the construction differently we can start from scratch, and we can build the whole thing. While everybody that is associated with the border crossing as of right now, all the officers and their family, they don't get displaced, and so building a whole a brand new site is actually from a phasing standpoint preferred because like I said we wouldn't have to relocate people, we wouldn't have to pause any kind of operations at the port itself, or we wouldn't have to figure out how to phase all that stuff, you know, over multiple seasons and and then we could pick up and

move everybody when everything's done and then demo that existing site, and we are still in discussions with the Department of Natural Resources and everything else about how we would transition that existing site. But that's for another year. To be perfectly honest, we've got, we've got a lot of time until that's happening. So we're we have started the conversations and everything else like that. But that's the biggest thing. First is the phasing of it, and the second is just the continuity of operations for CBP themselves.

Speaker: Marcy Good, Public

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So does that push the project back? If there's a second site.

Speaker: Aaron Evanson, GSA

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It extends the project on, on our preliminary estimates, we would be able to be done with a complete facility on on at the offsite location by about 2028, and it looks like right now, and these are very preliminary estimates, but we wouldn't be done with the current location until about 2030.

Speaker: Marcy Good, Public

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Got it.

Speaker: Aaron Evanson, GSA

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And again, that's because we would have to phase things differently. We would have to figure out how to make sure that we have the continuity of operations, bring any temporary housing, or temporary structures for these facilities while we're built rebuilding them. So it just makes it a little bit more difficult. And as some folks here might know, there's only about a 3 to 4 month building season at Alcan because of the temperatures, and because of the subarctic, you know, the climate that we have. Good question, Susan. Thank you.

Speaker: Susan Sturges, EPA

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No, thank you. That's helpful. And if no one does wanna speak or has other questions, I just have a couple of other questions as well. But I'll just pause for a moment. I don't, I don't want to hog up the time.

Speaker: Emily Grimes, GSA

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I think you're good, Susan.

Speaker: Susan Sturges, EPA

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Okay. Cool. Thank you. You know, I'm curious. You mentioned that you're in current discussions with co-locating operations with Canada Border Service Agency, and I was curious how that could, if that does happen, how that potentially impacts the footprint construction like, how do things change from what you currently propose?

Speaker: Aaron Evanson, GSA

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Sorry I was on mute. That's another great question. At this point in time, these discussions are very preliminary still, and the both Governments, Canada and the United States are talking about how that kind of policy would affect joint operations. Typically speaking, the US and Canada have shared border operations in the past, but those usually span the border, and one half of the building is built over the border itself, and one half of the building is in Canada, and one half of the building is in the United States and Canadian officers operate on the Canada side, and US Office, officers operate on the US Side. And so one that's one of the policy issues that we're going to be working out with CBSA is, what does it mean to have full-time Canadian officers operating on US soil? It's a very good question, and it's something that we've talked about. But both Canada and the US are very interested in making this a joint operation. As far as the facility itself, it's not going to change drastically. There's going to be some requirements that both CBP will have, and CBSA will have, and there might be some small amount of square footage that they can't share. But one of our focuses on this is to actually treat this as a fully co-located location. So as opposed to CBP having specific areas that are only for CBP and CBSA, having only areas that are for CBSA, we're trying to, we're trying to match those. We're trying to make sure that we're looking at this as holistically as possible and determining all of the spaces that can be shared at this point in time. We are not expecting that CBSA's families of the officers would be moving to that location, so it would only be operational personnel that are there for a short period of time as opposed to the CBP families that are living there. The CBSA families will still live in Beaver Creek, and the officers will travel that 20 miles from Beaver Creek to Alcan to actually do their work. So hopefully. That answers your question. No problem.

Speaker: Susan Sturges, EPA

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Yeah, that was super helpful. Thank you. And so, yeah, and I was just

entry is away from the border, this project doesn't require, like a Department of State Presidential permit, right? Or does it?

Speaker: Aaron Evanson, GSA

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I don't know that answer. There are. There are existing documents, and there we have some precedent for this, because there are, for example, there are US customs and Border protection officers that work out of the Vancouver Airport the Vancouver BC Airport for example. And they do what's called a preclearance. And so we're taking that precedent of the preclearance and we're actually looking to apply it towards this facility. There are limitations on that preclearance that have already been approved, you know, discussed and approved by both governments. And so we're gonna have to work through some of those. But even though this is a different avenue, because, like I said, those preclearances normally operate at airports and railroads, they haven't been applied to land ports of entry or border stations as been more normally called especially one that's fully on US soil. Like I said, we have precedents with the airports, but we need to work on that policy as far as it associates with the border station itself.

Speaker: Leon Kolankiewicz, Sovl

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Suzanne, this is Leon here. I've I've worked on EIS's for the US Department of energy that involved looking at transmission lines coming from Canada into the United States. And so here is a major piece of public energy infrastructure crossing the border right. And yes, those did require presidential permits, and I think that's what the that was the, that was the action that was being investigated, or that was the NEPA nexus, or linkage. I don't think as Aaron was saying, I don't think this would fall into that same category as something that is exclusively on the US side of the border.

Speaker: Susan Sturges, EPA

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Okay, Great! Thank you! And then I think my final question is about whether or not the project requires any improvement to existing and infrastructure, like, for example, would Federal highways Administration or Alaska department of transportation get involved. Are there going to be improvements, or changes to the highway and then I'm also curious, and I think you might have answered my question like, if it is potentially relocated, that doesn't change where you're crossing the border right? You would still just be going in the same direction. It just would be further away, or in a different location. But I was just curious about other infrastructure, and whether or not any of that would have to be improved or expanded upon or relocated. Yeah. And again, like, whether or not there are other Federal agencies besides, like the corps of engineers that would be involved in the decision and potentially doing a NEPA or being like a

Speaker: Aaron Evanson, GSA

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From my understanding. Susan, aside from slight variations in the highway itself, in the location or the current routing of the highway, there might be some changes to that, but it would be very minimal in the sense that it would be on the footprint of the facility itself. So we might have to reroute, you know, some entry lanes, and in order to fit one example, that I can think of right now is very slight rerouting of the highway at the border if we do stay in the current location to accommodate that new port operations building. But again, these are very preliminary design decisions. The feasibility study was in some sense made in a vacuum because we didn't have the NEPA study to build that feasibility, study off of. So there's still a lot of exploration that we have that's associated with this and some of that is any community involvements that are required, any input again, like you said from both State and Federal agencies. As far as road or road bed or drainage, all that kind of stuff, the necessary improvements to be done, based off of either one of those locations. Do we still don't have the preliminary findings on environmental impacts at that old gas station. You know, that might preclude us from actually building in that location. If there's underground storage tanks that are blooming, you know, if they're leaking, we don't know that, and that's part of the NEPA study, and that all of that information a lot of that information that you asked about we'll be fleshed out through the NEPA study.

Speaker: Susan Sturges, EPA

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Great. Thank you for all the helpful information I appreciate it!

Speaker: Aaron Evanson, GSA

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Of course. Any other questions, I'm happy to field them. I'm here. Emily's here. We've got all sorts of people on.

Speaker: Robbie Baldwin, Solv

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I also just wanted to mention, really quick, that I dropped a link in the chat for everybody is a link to a Google form which is our online version of the comment form. Please feel free to fill it out online if you would like, it will all go to the same place. So thanks guys.

Speaker: Aaron Evanson, GSA

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That's great, Robbie. Thank you.

Speaker: Emily Grimes, GSA

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Well, I know we presented quite a bit today and in a you know, I went everybody to just soak everything in and hopefully when we get the presentation posted, you feel you wanna re-watch it again, or you can fast forward it this time. But also the handouts, hopefully those are helpful and please again, just you know, you can email us at that AlcanLPOE@gsa.gov email address and pretty much majority of the GSA staff is on, not the majority, the team, the GSA team handling these projects are on there and will respond to you pretty quickly in email as well. But again, you know, I wanna appreciate everyone for taking the time for joining, and please do share as well with your colleagues or with your neighbors and your friends, and like I said before anybody that you feel that wasn't able to be here. Thank you. And then, so, Robbie, I wouldn't ask if you've been well, I know you were keeping track. Did anybody join after we got started since then, or pretty much everyone was on here. Just so we need to go through.

Speaker: Robbie Baldwin, Solv

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There were a few folks that joined a couple of slides in, but for the most part here.

Speaker: Emily Grimes, GSA (Reading Written Question from Susan Sturges)

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Okay, okay. And then for those that if you did join in, you know a few slides in, please let us know. Just unmute yourself if you want us to go back to any slide, and we'll gladly do that. We ended a lot sooner than we thought we would. We have a whole hour left at least. Oh, we have a

Speaker: Robbie Baldwin, Solv

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I saw that give me 1 s to pull up the schedule, so I can give you the right answer.

Speaker: Emily Grimes, GSA

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Okay.

Speaker: Robbie Baldwin, Solv

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Alrighty. It is scheduled for May of 2024. No problem.

Speaker: Emily Grimes, GSA

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Sorry about that. I was on mute. I was just saying that we will be staying on, but please feel free to log off.

APPENDIX G: INDEX OF COMMENTS

Commenter	Date	Name	Affiliation	Nature of comment	Comment method
P1	5/1/2023	Davyd Betchkal	Public	Light Pollution: importance of minimizing light impact	Email
P2	5/10/2023	John Brown	Public	Outside the Scope of the EIS: need for ample public restrooms	Email
P2	5/10/2023	John Brown	Public	Outside the Scope of the EIS: need for cellphone service coverage	Email
A1	4/10/2023	Shawn Bayless	Tetlin NWR	Meaningful Public Engagement: notification of project to Upper Tanana villages	Email
A2	4/18/2023	Harvey Templeton	Alaska DNR, DMLW	Request for Information: request for additional information on proposed project including project plans/maps	Email
A3	4/18/2023	Gary Mendivil	Alaska DEC	Request for Information: GIS coordinates for contaminated site search	Email
A4	4/19/2023	Kerri Martin	Alaska DOT&PF	Request for Information: public meeting and project description	Email
P3	4/20/2023	Thomas Middendorf	Public	Request for Information: any information about the proposed new port of entry beyond the details currently available on the GSA website	Email
P3	4/20/2023	Thomas Middendorf	Public	Outside the Scope of the EIS: customs for aircrafts moving to Tok	Email
A5	4/26/2023	Susan Sturges	EPA	Request for Information: why a second site?	Scoping Meeting
A5	4/26/2023	Susan Sturges	EPA	Request for Information: how does communication with CBSA affect the project?	Scoping Meeting
A5	4/26/2023	Susan Sturges	EPA	Request for Information: does a joint project between CBP and CBSA require a presidential permit or other special consideration?	Scoping Meeting
A5	4/26/2023	Susan Sturges	EPA	Request for Information: will this require collaboration between DOT/Alaska DOT to update highway?	Scoping Meeting
A5	4/26/2023	Susan Sturges	EPA	Request for Information: (cont. previous comment) if so, will there be additional NEPA consideration?	Scoping Meeting
A5	4/26/2023	Susan Sturges	EPA	Request for Information: EIS draft date	Scoping Meeting
P4	4/26/2023	Marcy Good	Public	Request for Information: whether the off-site location would result in project delays.	Scoping Meeting
P5	5/12/2023	David Raskin	Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges	Recreational and Subsistence Resources: Alt. 1 impact on Airs Hill Trailhead and parking lot	Email
P5	5/12/2023	David Raskin	Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges	Recreational and Subsistence Resources: impediments to accessing Tetlin by firearm-carrying visitors	Email
P5	5/12/2023	David Raskin	Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges	Recreational and Subsistence Resources: boat access to Desper and Scottie Creeks	Email
P5	5/12/2023	David Raskin	Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges	Recreational and Subsistence Resources: foot access to historic cabin	Email

A6	5/16/2023	Rebecca Chu	EPA	Water Resources: DEIS identify discharges to WOTUS likely to occur during construction	Email
A6	5/16/2023	Rebecca Chu	EPA	Permits: DEIS should identify permits that may need coordination with USACE or the state of Alaska, including the permits described in Section 303, 401, and 404 of the CWA.	Email
A6	5/16/2023	Rebecca Chu	EPA	Water Resources: DEIS should include a complete analysis of water resources that ensures that the project is consistent with the requirements of the CWA, and describe mitigation measures if necessary	Email
A6	5/16/2023	Rebecca Chu	EPA	Permits: DEIS identify NPDES permits for WOTUS impacts	Email
A6	5/16/2023	Rebecca Chu	EPA	Air Quality: DEIS identify construction air pollution emissions and accordance to state/federal limits	Email
A6	5/16/2023	Rebecca Chu	EPA	Air Quality: DEIS identify nearby sensitive populations	Email
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A6	5/16/2023	Rebecca Chu	EPA	Biological Resources: DEIS should identify baseline, potential disturbances, mitigation options, potential invasives introduction, and post-project restoration options	Email
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