

**DOG-State Pipeline Coordinator's Section,
Commissioner's Decision to Remand to Division on a
Limited Basis ROW Lease for the Donlin Pipeline and
Notice of Additional Comments Prior to Final Decision,
ADL 231908**

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS

THE STATE PIPELINE COORDINATOR'S SECTION

COMMISSIONER'S DECISION TO REMAND TO DIVISION ON A LIMITED BASIS

**RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASE FOR the DONLIN PIPELINE AND NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL COMMENTS PRIOR TO FINAL
DECISION**

ADL 231908

The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources (Commissioner) received an application, dated April 9, 2014, from Donlin Gold LLC (Donlin), for a natural gas pipeline right-of-way (ROW) lease under Alaska Statute 38.35 (ROW Leasing Act), in association with the Donlin Gold Project. Public notice of the application was conducted in accordance with AS 38.35.070 on April 14, 2014 and public notice of the Preliminary Decision was conducted in accordance with AS 38.35.080 on January 28, 2019.

The proposed Donlin Pipeline would transport natural gas from the Beluga Natural Gas Pipeline system to the Donlin Gold mine. The pipeline system would include a roughly 315-mile 14-inch pipeline on 207 miles of State land, with accompanying compressor and metering stations. The pipeline would have a maximum operating pressure of 1,480 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) and be buried for most of the route. Donlin has requested a 150-foot-wide right-of-way for pipeline construction and a 50-foot-wide right-of-way for operations.

Comments on the Preliminary Decision were received during the public notice period and at six associated public hearings in March 2019. This input was considered in the preparation of a Final Decision which was issued on January 17, 2020. Following the issuance of the Final Decision, the Commissioner received a request for reconsideration concerning, in part, the cumulative effects and reasonably foreseeable impacts of the project. The Commissioner agreed to reconsider these issues and has decided to remand this matter to the State Pipeline Coordinator's Section to conduct further analysis on constitutional issues which may be implicated by proposed ADL 231908. The State Pipeline Coordinator's Section has prepared a Revised Consideration of Comments and as instructed by the Commissioner, is releasing these revisions to the public so that the public may be afforded an additional opportunity to comment on the project prior to the Commissioner's Final Decision. The public is encouraged to comment on constitutional issues raised by the proposed project.

Documents concerning the DNR Decision on Remand are available online at <http://dog.dnr.alaska.gov/Home/Newsroom>. The public may obtain hard copies of documents, at cost, from the State Pipeline Coordinator's Section (SPCS) upon request (see contact information below).

All comments about the DNR Decision on Remand must be submitted in writing to the SPCS before 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020.

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/s/ Anthony Strupulis, P.E.

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