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Gentlemen:

Re: Authorities of the Federal Authorized
Officer's Field Representatives (AOFrS)

The following summarizes the responsibilities of the AOFrS
to the federal Authorized Officer (AO) and the Authorized
Officer's Representative (AOR):

(1) Acts for the AO/AOR on all field permits, grants,
and lease actions.

(2) Has the authority to shut down segments of the
work, but not an entire construction subdivision, without
the express consent of the AO and/or AOR.

(3) Ensures that the work (Notices to Proceed) is
being performed in accordance with the approved work plan
(whether it be a section of the pipeline work, material
extraction, restoration, camp operations, etc.).

(4) Has the responsibility (once he is in physical
receipt of an approved work plan, whether it be for a
material site, a portion of an access road, section of the
pipeline effort, etc.) to allow field work to commence.
For example, any Notice to Proceed or authorities issued
by the AO and/or AOR requires a field memo on the part of
the AOFr before work may start. The purpose of such field
authorization is to ensure that the conditions stipulated
are met and to similarly ensure that the AOFr is apprised
of all current ongoing activities.

(5) Are the single field authority. Our technical support contractor, Mechanics Research, Inc. (MRI), will report to the AOFR all its spot-check efforts; that is, conformance or nonconformance activities. MRI will work through the AOFR on all contact with the permittee. The technical support contractor is in effect an extension of the Authorized Officer's staff, but does not have line authority.

(6) Will be present at all times on a seven-days-a-week, 24 hours-a-day basis to each pipeline section (or similar geographical area on the State Highway). As such, the permittee has available to him at all times the services of an AOFR in assisting in the prosecution of his work.

(7) Does not have the authority to change the approval plans from the office of the Authorized Officer without first clearing such change. When changes, additions, and/or deletions to the approved work plan have been so cleared, the AOFR through the use of a field memo may modify that portion of the work.

(8) Has been instructed that the permittee for the Yukon-to-Prudhoe highway on federal lands is the State of Alaska, Department of Highways; and as such, those activities within the permitted area are the responsibility of the State (reference Grant of Right-of-Way to the State of Alaska, Department of Highways, from the Department of the Interior). However, the AOFR does have the responsibility to approve (through the office of the Authorized Officer) all deviations from the said granted alignment. In other words, deviations from the alignment as granted must be cleared with the AOFR and his approval obtained before any activities are authorized outside of the permitted area.

(9) The Federal/State Fish and Wildlife Advisory Team (which advises the AO and the State Pipeline Coordinator's office) works through the AOFR. It does not have the authority to issue directions of any kind to the permittee. Its advice will be issued to the permittees by the AOFR.

Sincerely yours,



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Authorized Officer

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