

APPENDIX A

Preliminary Search Results

Contaminated Sites, Spills, and Underground Storage Tanks (UST): According to a May 2006 database search by Environmental Data Resources Inc. (EDR), there are 10 sites within ¼ mile of the project. A search of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) Contaminated Sites/UST Database found the following status of the sites:

- **Anvil City Station** Bering Street & Seppala Drive (Closed)
- **USDOI BIA Building** 402 Reindeer House 105 East 1st Avenue (Small quantity generator – No violations found)
- **Steadman Field** Steadman Street & 4th Avenue (NFRAP)
- **AK Gold Corp Nome** 221 East 5th Avenue (Inactive)
- **AKARNG 1 297th INF OMS 3** 433 Front Street (NFRAP)
- **NPS Bering Land Bridge Headquarters** 507 West 4th Avenue (Closed)
- **Alaska Commercial Prop. – Nome** 636 Front Street (NFRAP)
- **UAF Nome HOT** 623 Front Street (Closed)
- **Nome Youth Facility** 4th Avenue & K Street (Listed as a “federal facility”)
- **The Country Store** 1250 East Front Street (Closed)

We will be ordering an updated search by EDR and will conduct an update review of the sites’ files at ADEC during the preparation of the environmental document.

Anadromous Fish Streams and Essential Fish Habitat: The *Catalog of Waters Important for the Spawning, Rearing or Migration of Anadromous Fishes* documents the closest anadromous fish stream to the project is Dry Creek 333-10-11200-2008, approximately 400 feet northwest from the corner of Bering Street and 5th Avenue of the project. The proposed project is not within the EFH of Dry Creek; therefore, a Title 41 Fish Habitat Permit and EFH Assessment are not anticipated.

Historical, Archaeological, and Cultural Properties: The project will take place within the road right of way (ROW) or in temporary easements on adjacent property that is for the most part previously disturbed.

Consultation regarding identification of potential historical sites will take place with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the tribal entities in Nome. During the preparation of the environmental document, we will be requesting concurrence that no historic properties will be affected.

Right of Way: There is no Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition due to the scope of the restoration project. All facilities will be constructed within the existing ROW. Temporary construction easements may be required for compaction of soils in previous utility trench, driveway reconstruction, or minor grading outside of the ROW.

Coastal Zone Management: The project is anticipated to be authorized under the USACE’s GP 2006-214, which the Office of Project Management & Permitting (OPMP) has completed the State’s review for consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP). The proposed project is within the jurisdiction of the City of Nome Coastal Management Program. The project appears to be consistent with the City of Nome Coastal Management Plan (December 2006) and its Enforceable Policies.

Navigability, Floodplain Management, and Wetlands: No waterways will be crossed by the project.

The City of Nome participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) are available for the area encompassed by the project (FIRM 020069 0007 B). A short segment near the coast on the south end of East K Street is located in the 100-year floodzone. A review of the Flood Hazard Regulations for the City of Nome indicates that the proposed project will require a permit from the City of Nome. The proposed project conforms to the requirements of the City of Nome Flood Hazard Regulations.

A wetland delineation is not planned for this project area. The project is located within previously disturbed areas with the exception of the north end of East K Street. Under the Nome Bypass Roads Project 61796, the undisturbed portions of the north end of East K were delineated to be wetlands. The Nome Bypass Road Project delineation covered all but approximately 60 feet of area of potential disturbance under this project.

For the purposes of the impact analysis and permitting, it is planned that this additional area will be considered as wetlands and may be authorized under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) General Permit (GP) 2006-214, to support Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. This GP authorizes the placement of dredged and/or fill material and structures into wetlands, for activities associated with residential, public and commercial development in Nome, Alaska. Under the GP 2006-214, no work is authorized without first receiving a positive “Opinion of Compliance” form from the City of Nome.

Threatened and Endangered Species: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be contacted for consultation on these species as required under the Endangered Species Act. The Seward Peninsula and Norton Sound were the historic range of the Spectacled Eider (*Somateria fischeri*) and Steller’s Eider (*Polysticta stelleri*); both are federally listed threatened species. The current breeding range of the Spectacled Eider in Alaska is on the North Slope and the Yukon- Kuskokwim (Y-K) Delta, while the species’ winter range is in the Bering Sea near St. Lawrence Island. The current range of the Steller’s Eider in Alaska consists of breeding ranges on the North Slope and Y-K Delta, and winter ranges in the Aleutian Islands and coastal areas of the Alaska Peninsula. The two threatened eider species are not known to nest in the project area. Transient eiders may pass through the Nome region during migration, but are unlikely to use habitats in the developed areas around Nome.

The proposed project does not extend into the marine environment. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) website was reviewed to determine if any species under their jurisdiction might be affected by the proposed project. No threatened or endangered marine species occur in the area likely to be affected by the proposed project.

Material Sites, Disposal Sites, and Haul Routes: No specific material or disposal sites have been designated for this project. The material will be contractor-supplied from local commercial material sources. Coordination for haul routes will be conducted by the contractor.

National Wildlife Refuges: The nearest National Wildlife Refuge is at Safety Sound, approximately 20 miles east of Nome along the Nome-Council Road.

National Parks, Preserves, Monuments, and Wild & Scenic Rivers: The project is not located within any National Parks, Preserves, or Monuments. The nearby Dry Creek, Bourbon Creek, nor the Snake River is listed as a Wild and Scenic River.

Federal Recreational Areas: The proposed project will not take place within a Federal Recreational Area.

State Refuges, Critical Habitat Areas, and Sanctuaries: The proposed project is not located within a State Refuge, Critical Habitat Area, or Sanctuary.

State Land Use Plans and State Parks: The project is supported by the DOT&PF Northwest Alaska Transportation Plan. The 2004 report says that "...community road systems suffer greatly for lack of maintenance" and "Dust control on community roads and airports is needed throughout rural Alaska. DOT/PF has joined with other organizations to work on an expedited program to address dust control needs. DOT/PF, funded in part through a Denali Commission grant and in part through Federal-aid highway research money, is conducting dust control projects in Kotzebue and in the communities in the Nome area. Hard surfacing roads in larger communities and annual applications of dust retardant chemicals on small community roads or where soils are unsuitable for hard surfacing is underway."

The project appears to be consistent with the Nome Comprehensive Plan (February 2003) which quoted the finding of a 1997 survey (Nome Community Survey Results) conducted by the City of Nome that dust was one of the three least liked attributes of the community.

The project also does not appear to conflict with the goals and management guidelines of the Department of Natural Resources Northwest Area Plan for Transportation and Utilities. No State Parks are present in the project vicinity.

Permits: There are three permits required by the City of Nome:

- Application for permit to develop in a flood plain area
- Excavation/Fill Permit

- Building Permit

Other permits that are expected include:

- ADEC Water Quality 401 Certification
- USACE Section 404, wetlands