



## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

NPAEN-PL-EN

10 OCT 1980

To All Interested Persons:

Inclosed for your review and comment is a copy of the Prudhoe Bay Waterflood Project Final Environmental Impact Statement, Prudhoe Bay, Alaska (FEIS). Shortly after the coordination period is ended (17 November 1980) a decision will be made whether to issue, deny, or issue with conditions, the Section 10 and Section 404 permits sought by applicants to construct and operate the proposed Waterflood Project. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will also be deciding on permit applications for discharges into the water (NPDES) and air emissions (PSD) resulting from the proposed project.

You will find that, as a result of public comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) issued 6 June 1980 and continued analysis of the issues, the FEIS has several areas that differ from the DEIS. Those areas which have changed most are as follows:

1. The applicant has changed the proposed project by including various mitigative measures in the causeway extension and water treatment plant features.
2. The discussion of cumulative effects of the proposed action has been expanded. Descriptions of the effects and nature of future oil and gas development in the Arctic and future development specifically related to the proposed project are more detailed.
3. The Discussion regarding sociocultural effects has been expanded.

Volume 1 of the inclosure is the main text of the FEIS. Volume 3 contains letters commenting on the DEIS, the Corps of Engineers' responses to these comments, the Barrow, Alaska public hearing transcript, and additions and corrections to Volume 2 (Appendices). Volume 2 was not reprinted in its entirety because changes throughout were not great. Thus, with the changes reported in Volume 3, Volume 2 of the DEIS becomes Volume 2 of the FEIS.

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All timely comments to the FEIS are welcome and will be considered before the permit decisions are made. Your interest in this document and the upcoming decisions is most appreciated.

If further details are desired, contact can be made with Ben Kutscheid of the Environmental Section, at 752-2572.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lee R. Nunn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lee" and last name "Nunn" being the most prominent parts.

LEE R. NUNN  
Colonel, Corps of Engineers  
District Engineer

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As stated