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Roger Siglin
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Dear Mr. *Roger* Siglin:

The State of Alaska has reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) concerning the construction of a storage yard at Bettles Field to support operations of the Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve. This letter represents the consolidated comments of the State's resource agencies.

The EA states that petroleum products will be stored on the site, although there is no mention of mitigation measures to prevent accidental contamination of the surrounding wetlands area. Fuel storage areas should be diked or surrounded by a berm to prevent movement of contaminants. An impervious liner should also be placed below the fill pad to protect the groundwater and adjacent wetlands from migrating contaminants.

There is no mention of whether the storage yard will be fenced to prevent casual access to the site. We recommend such fencing to protect the contents of the yard and help prevent accidental spillage of any hazardous materials that might be stored there.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. If you have any questions, please call Priscilla Wohl of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation at 563-6529.

Sincerely,

Sally Gibert
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State CSU Coordinator

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