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PURPOSE

To ensure that all Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (Department) Pre-construction, Construction and Maintenance operations, including those of an emergency or unplanned nature, comply with all applicable federal and/or state environmental laws, regulations and clearances.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Department that all Pre-construction, Construction and Maintenance activities shall be carried out in strict compliance with all environmental regulations, including requirements and stipulations imposed by local, state and/or federal regulatory, permitting and review agencies.

It is the policy of the Department that the Regional Environmental Supervisors shall review and, for those affecting environmental commitments, concur in modifications, changes or supplemental agreements to construction and maintenance activities to insure compliance with all environmental requirements.

It is the policy of the Department that Regional Environmental Supervisors shall regularly schedule field reviews of construction and maintenance activities to detect existing or potential environmental problems. Furthermore, based on these reviews and in consultation with the Regional Environmental Supervisors, the Project Construction Engineer shall take actions to prevent or correct all identified environmental problems.

It is the policy of the Department that the environmental review and permitting process is an integral and necessary part of project development from Planning and Pre-construction through Construction and Maintenance. All people involved in project development shall be open and candid in their communication with each other. Early identification and resolution of environmental concerns is the key to efficient, cost effective and timely project development.

It is the policy of the Department to provide adequate training of all employees relevant to environmental regulations and procedures.

These policies cover all work related activities, including emergency or unplanned project changes, to assure compliance with all environmental commitments, including but not limited to Corps of Engineers Section 10 and Section 404 (wetlands) approvals, Alaska Department of Fish and Game fish habitat permits, State Historic Preservation Officer clearances, Section 4(f) avoidance, NPDES erosion and sediment control requirements, and coastal zone consistency review.

AUTHORITY

AS 44.42.020(3)

IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITY

All Regional Directors shall implement this policy and associated procedures (DPDR 01.03.011).

DISTRIBUTION