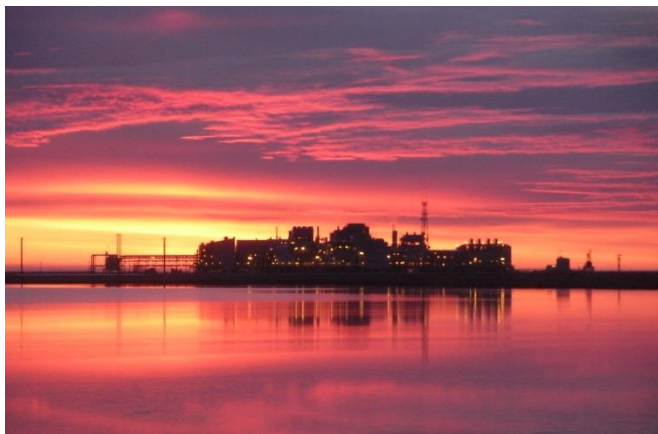




Large Project Coordination in Alaska

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Office of Program Management and Permitting

- One-stop permitting coordination for large and complex natural resource development projects.
- Monitor federal actions; facilitate federal and state coordination and consultation; coordinate an efficient and reliable multi-agency review process; and prepare consolidated comments that present a unified state position.
- Engage in outreach and educational opportunities to inform the public, industry, legislature and federal agencies of state interests and positions on federal actions, large projects, grants and geospatial activities.
- Develop a statewide framework for geospatial data necessary for environmental monitoring and protection, sustainable economic development, public safety and effective emergency response.

OPMP Mission

The Office of Project Management and Permitting coordinates state multi-agency regulatory reviews and authorizations, while collaboratively engaging federal agencies on land use planning and policy initiatives to maintain and enhance the state's economy, quality of life, and maximize the value of Alaska's vast natural resources.

Permitting Large Projects in Alaska

What to expect:

- Defined statutes and regulations
- Iterative multi-year permitting process
- Experienced and knowledgeable agency staff
- State, federal, and local jurisdictions and authorities

Primary goal:

- Responsible development of Alaska's natural resources

Large Project Coordination Program

- Under AS 38.05.020(b)(9), OPMP provides permitting coordination for large and complex natural resource development projects
- Optional service: Memorandum of Understanding establishes scope of work and level of funding
- Existing project portfolio represents Alaska's natural resource extraction industries:
 - Oil and gas development
 - Hardrock mines

State Permitting Team

Primary functions

- Coordinated review of project applications
- Review, analyze, and evaluate technical documents
- Conduct inspections, evaluate permit compliance at operating facilities
- Multidisciplinary expertise of team members: Geologists, engineers, hydrologists, biologists, environmental scientists
- Team engaged from pre-application through post-closure monitoring

History of success

- First used in 1992 for the Fort Knox Project
- Over 20 years experience working with industry stakeholders

Major State Authorizations – O&G

DEC

- Waste Management Permits
- Alaska Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit
- Air Quality Permits
- Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan

DFG

- Fish Habitat Permits
- Public Safety Permits
- Wildlife Plans

DNR

- Plan of Development
- Plan of Operations
- Miscellaneous Land Use Permits
- Temporary Water Use Authorizations and Water Rights

Multi-agency

- Monitoring Plans (DNR/DEC/DFG)
- Financial Assurances (DNR/DEC)
- Access/Rights of Way (DNR/DOT)

Federal Agency Partners

Bureau of Land Management:

- Oil and gas development on federal lands requires an Application for Permit to Drill
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review

US Army Corps of Engineers

- Any development that requires the discharge of fill material in wetlands and navigable waters
- NEPA review

• Environmental Protection Agency

- Consultation role, diminished primary role since State of Alaska assumed primacy for regulating wastewater discharge

Concurrent Process

MULTIPLE PERMITTING/APPROVAL PROCESSES RUN IN PARALLEL

