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Ms. Shelly Betlej
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Air and Water Quality
619 E. Ship Creek, Ste 249
Anchorage, AK 99501

**Re: Notice for Operation of Doyon 141 Drilling Rig
Permit by Rule—Portable Oil and Gas Operation
ConocoPhillips Exploration Drilling Program—Pioneer 1, Grandview 1 East**

Dear Ms. Betlej:

In accordance with 18 AAC 50.390 ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. (CPA) hereby submits notification for operation of a drilling rig and associated equipment on one or more exploration wells on the North Slope of Alaska during the winter months from January to June 2009. All wells are located north of 69 degrees, 30 minutes latitude.

The request specifically covers the Doyon 141 drilling rig and associated equipment. The drilling rig will operate at the exploration well locations shown in the Plans of Exploration and attached maps. One or more wells will be drilled during this winter drilling season between January and June 2009 at both exploratory drill sites.

**-Pioneer 1
-Grandview 1 East**

Drilling will be conducted on land during the winter at distances greater than ¼ mile from existing regulated facilities and other simultaneous drilling rig or well-test operations. Fuel burning equipment and engines used to power or heat the drilling rig or rig camp will have stacks vertically exhausted, and other fuel burning equipment with a rated capacity exceeding 1.7 million BTU/hour will have vertical exhaust stacks. 180 rig days will not be exceeded during any 12 month period on a single pad. No more than 1.5 million gallons of diesel will be consumed at a single drilling pad. CPAI and contractors will maintain and retain, for 60 months, daily logs to demonstrate compliance.

Fuel oil will contain less than 0.25% sulfur by weight. Consequently, CPAI proposes to establish an exclusion zone located 30 meters from the edge of the drilling pad. The proposed surveillance plan is enclosed. CPAI and contractors will maintain and retain, for 60 months, daily exclusion zone logs to demonstrate compliance.

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The name and telephone of facility contact is Chris Brown at (907) 659-7217. Other CPAI contacts for the winter exploration project are provided in the Communications section of the attached Plan(s) of Exploration. CPAI may provide revised facility contact names and phone numbers in the future.

Enclosed is CPAI's check for \$3,486.00 for fees associated with a single portable oil and gas operation at multiple ice pads during a winter drilling season, the MG-1 notification form, and landowner approval for exclusion zone establishment. The attached check includes \$2,656 for emission fees, a \$530.00 compliance fee, and \$300.00 for the administration fee. To minimize the environmental impact associated with submitting hard copies of other agencies' permit applications, they are available electronically for your review at www.conocophillipsalaska.com/permits/.

If you have any questions or desire additional information, please contact me at your earliest convenience. E-mail: bruce.st.pierre@conocophillips.com. Phone number (907) 265-6417.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Cc: Brad Thomas, ATO-1970
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