



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Washington, DC 20423

Office Environmental Analysis

November 5, 2019

Brian Lindamood
Alaska Railroad Corp.
327 W Ship Creek Ave
Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: Docket No. FD 35095, Alaska Railroad Corporation - Construction and Operation
Exemption - A Rail Line Extension to Port MacKenzie, Alaska: Comments on
Quarterly Report for the Third Quarter of 2019

Dear Mr. Lindamood:

In its November 17, 2011 decision granting the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) the authority to construct and operate the Port MacKenzie rail line extension, the Board imposed 100 mitigation measures on the project. Mitigation Measure #98 requires ARRC to submit quarterly reports to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) on the progress of, implementation of, and compliance with the Board-imposed mitigation measures. On October 30, 2019, ARRC submitted a report for the third quarter of 2019.

OEA has reviewed the quarterly report for July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019 and our comments are attached.

If you have any questions, please contact Dave Navecky, OEA's Project Manager, at 202-245-0294.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rutson
Director
Office of Environmental Analysis

cc: Kathryn Kusske Floyd, Venable LLP
Jay Johnson, Venable LLP

ATTACHMENT
Docket No. FD 35095
Port MacKenzie Rail Line Extension

I. OEA Comments on Quarterly Report for July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019

Mitigation Measure #46 (page 14): the statement regarding the attached “2018 culvert inspection memo” appears to be a carryover from 2019’s 2nd Quarterly Report.

Mitigation Measure #72 (page 19): The project website - www.portmacrail.com - no longer works. Please ensure the project website works and is updated, as appropriate, throughout the construction period.