



***SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD***

***Washington, DC 20423***

*Office Environmental Analysis*

August 15, 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 Second 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 July 26, 2019, ARRC submitted a report for the second quarter of 2019.

OEA has reviewed the quarterly report for April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 and has no comments.

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 a Previous Quarterly Report (i.e., Report for January through March 2019)**

**Comment on Mitigation Measures #3 (page 4) and #14 (page 7), and Permit Status Table Row 1 (page 31):** Please note that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit issued in 2012 has expired. When funding is acquired for Segment 2's embankment (and prior to construction), Alaska Railroad Corporation will need to obtain a new Section 404 permit for the small amount of wetland/surface water impact reported for this segment.

**Comment Resolved.** In a May 7, 2019 email from Brian Lindamood, Alaska Railroad Corporation, to Dave Navecky, OEA (ECT Document #: EI-26541), Mr. Lindamood clarified that there are no waters of the United States in Section 2 and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit that expired did not have any regulatory jurisdiction in Section 2.

**III. OEA Comments on Quarterly Report for April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019**

**No comments.**