



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, ALASKA  
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Environmental and Special Projects Branch

Ms. Tessa DeLong  
Transportation Program Manager  
Denali Commission  
510 L Street, Suite 410  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Ms. DeLong:

The Alaska District has completed the design, technical specifications, and permits for the Eek Barge Landing Design project. Copies of these documents are enclosed for your records. In addition, copies of these documents are being sent to Mayor Carlie Beebe, Mr. Nick Carter Tribal Administrator, and Denali Commission Transportation Program staff Adison Wetzell and Mike McKinnon.

The Alaska District suggests that when this project is funded for construction the following items are considered to help reduce project risk:

1. A survey of the potential dredge area needs to be completed prior to solicitation to determine accurate dredge bid quantity and disposal quantity.
2. The excess dredge material disposal stockpile quantity and footprint will need to be revised after an estimate of dredge quantity is determined by survey.
3. Staging area surface course included to provide drivable surface on the disposal/staging area. The surface course material is only provided in areas that will not be covered by the excess dredge material disposal stockpile due to the potential for material contamination from the much finer dredge material. The surface course footprint and quantity will need to be revised in conjunction with the revision as described in Item 2 above.
4. Barge landing material gradations should be evaluated prior to solicitation to make use of local quarries and ensure that the most cost effective materials are being specified in the contract.

During the design, a question from the community was asked about local drainage. The local drainage in the area of the disposal/staging area should not be affected by the construction of the disposal area. The included drainage features will adequately address normal local drainage. A local drainage memorandum for the record is provided as part of the design package.

The Alaska District appreciates the continued opportunity to work with the Denali Commission. Please contact me at (907) 753-5694 if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mel. A. Peterson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Melanie A. Peterson  
Project Manager

Enclosures