

A large white pipeline runs horizontally across the middle of the image, supported by metal brackets. The background features a dense forest of tall evergreen trees and a mountain range under a blue sky with light clouds. The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent grey filter.

State Pipeline Coordinator's Office (SPCO)

Dedicated to overseeing the safe and reliable transportation of petroleum and natural gas products to market while insuring the protection of public health and safety and the environment.

JPO Cooperating Agencies

JPO

SPC

Federal Agencies

DNR

DEC

DF&G

DOLWD

DPS

DOTPF

State Pipeline Coordinator's Office



- Administer common carrier pipeline right-of-ways under AS 38.35
- To provide efficient coordination among state and federal agencies
- Provide a single point of contact for AS 38.35 lessees
- Associated State agencies are separate in authority and responsibility but coordinated in purpose
- Manage and supply public records

SPCO

State Pipeline
Coordinator

Right-of-Way

Compliance

Engineering

Natural Gas
Pipeline Team

Admin
&
IT

Right-of-Way

- Right-of-Way team
 - Adjudicate right-of-way lease through the public process as prescribed under AS 38.35
 - Manage lease agreements
 - Adjudicate permits to Alyeska
 - Administer appraisal and rental schedule
 - Manage pipeline case files, documentation, and conduct research of pipeline records as needed

Engineering

- Provide technical oversight of facilities, infrastructure, activities
- Design Basis Reviews – new projects
- Provide engineering assistance to JPO
- Provide recommendations to DNR Commissioner & SPC on technical issues

Compliance Team Mission

To protect the State's interests on lands that are leased under AS 38.35 by:

Verifying that pipelines administered by the SPC are operated and maintained in a manner consistent with lease requirements, and

Coordinating with agencies to verify that lessees are taking measures to protect the public and the environment.

Verifying Compliance with Lease Requirements

SPCO may verify compliance to Lease requirements by observing lessees' performance and creating surveillance reports to document those observations. Lease requirements are stated through covenants and stipulations of the lease.

Covenants

- the body of the TAPS lease is comprised of Sections 1 – 42

Stipulations

- located in Exhibit A of the TAPS lease
- stipulations number from 1 - 4.1
- stipulations are organized under 4 headings
 - 1) General
 - 2) Environmental
 - 3) Technical
 - 4) State Authority

Lease Covenants

Examples:

✓ **Section 6** - Books, Accounts and Records; Access to Property and Records

Lease Compliance surveillance may include observations regarding how lessees keep records and make them available

✓ **Section 16** - Construction Plans and Quality Assurance

Lease Compliance surveillance may include observations regarding how operations and maintenance activities are executed in accordance with the approved Quality Assurance Program

✓ **Section 22** - Duty of Lessee to Prevent or Abate

Lease Compliance surveillance may include observations regarding how conditions that may affect health and safety pipeline Integrity or the environment are detected and corrected

Lease Stipulations - General, Technical, Environmental, State Authority

1) General Examples:

✓ **Stipulation 1.2.3 - Responsibilities**

Lease Compliance surveillance may include observations regarding compliance with the provisions of the Lease by lessees' agents, employees, contractors and subcontractors

✓ **Stipulation 1.18.1 - Surveillance and Maintenance**

Lease Compliance surveillance may include observations regarding lessees' Surveillance and Monitoring Program

✓ **Stipulation 1.20.1 - Health and Safety**

Lease Compliance surveillance may include observations regarding the protection of health and safety of all Persons affected by activities performed in connection with the operation and maintenance the Pipeline and may require coordination with DOWLD

Lease Stipulations

2) Environmental Examples: (may require coordination with Subject Matter Experts)

✓ **Stipulation 2.2.2 - Water and Land Pollution**

Lease Compliance Surveillance may include observations verifying that lessees comply with applicable "Water Quality Standards" and requires coordination with DEC or EPA to complete

✓ **Stipulation 2.5.1 - Fish and Wildlife Protection**

Lease Compliance Surveillance may include observations verifying that Lessees provide for uninterrupted movement and safe passage of fish and requires coordination with ADF&G

✓ **Stipulation 2.12.1 - Restoration**

Lease Compliance surveillance may include observations verifying that areas on State Land disturbed by Lessees are restored to the satisfaction of the Pipeline Coordinator

Lease Stipulations

3) Technical Examples: (requires coordination with Subject Matter Experts)

✓ **Stipulation 3.2.** - Pipeline System Standards

Lease Compliance surveillance may include observations verifying that lessees operate the pipeline using safe and proven engineering practices that meet or exceed the engineering standard described further by the lease in Stipulation 3.2, and requires coordination with the USDOT and SPCO Engineering Section

✓ **Stipulation 3.10** - Pipeline Corrosion

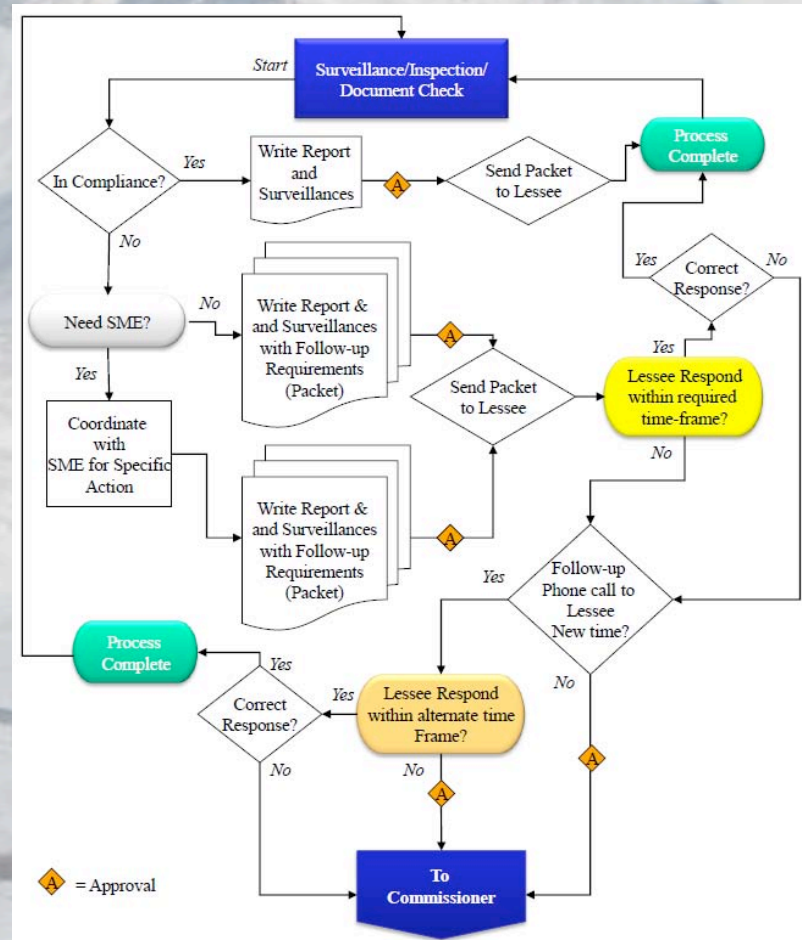
Surveillance may include observations verifying that lessees provide information on precautions taken to prevent internal corrosion of the Pipeline and requires coordination with the USDOT and SPCO Engineering Section

4) State Authority:

✓ **Stipulation 4.1** – State Laws, Regulations, Permits and Authorizations

States, “No requirement imposed by these Stipulations shall replace or lessen the applicability of any State law, regulation, permit, or authorization....” This is an administrative stipulation and not subject to lease continual compliance oversight.

The Compliance Process



Contact Information and Resources

- DNR Public Information Center
 - Anchorage (907) 269-8400
 - Fairbanks (907) 451-2705
 - Juneau (907) 465-3400
- State Pipeline Coordinator's Office
(907) 257-1300
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