

PUBLIC NOTICE
COAL EXPLORATION PERMIT E-1401
LINC ENERGY, TYONEK/KENAI EXPLORATION

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land, and Water (DMLW) received a request from Linc Energy Operations, Inc, 3000 C Street, Suite 103, Anchorage, Alaska, 99503 to review a coal exploration application under 11 AAC 90.163. The Division finds that the application meets the requirements of 11 AAC 90 and AS 27.21 for coal exploration and is hereby approved. This exploration permit expires September 12, 2016.

The proposed exploration area is approximately seven miles North of Tyonek, Alaska, including all or portions of:

Sections 3-7, 9-10, 15-17, 20-21, 29, T006N, R011W;
Sections 1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 14-16, 19-22, 27, 28, 30-34, T007, R011W;
Sections 20, 23 -26, 28, 32, 34, T008N, R011W;
Sections 1, 11-14, 21- 24, 27, 28, 33, 34, T012N, R012W;
Sections 19-21, 28-33, T013 N, R010W;
Sections 4-9, 16-21, 24, 25, 28-33 and 36, T013N, R011W;
Sections 4-28, 34-36, T013, R012W;
Sections 1-22, 29-32, T013, R013W;
Sections 1-27 34-36, T014, R012W;
Sections 1-3, 10-15, 22-27, 34-36, T 014N, R013W; Seward Meridian.

A total of 107,497.00 acres of land are within the Tyonek and Kenai exploration area. The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority is the owner of both the surface and subsurface rights.

The proposed exploration activities would consist of drilling up to five exploration holes. All drill sites will be reclaimed and all drill holes, not retained as monitoring wells, will be sealed immediately upon completion of work at the site. All equipment used on site will be removed upon completion of the exploration program.

Pursuant to 11 AAC 90.167(b) the Division has determined that the reclamation bond in the amount of \$ 95,372.53 is sufficient to cover the associated reclamation liability of sealing two exploration drill holes and cleanup of associated drill sites.

The application complies with the requirements of the Alaska Surface Coal Mining Program (AS 27.21 and 11 AAC 90). All proposed exploration and reclamation activities are consistent with 11 AAC 90.167.

The Final Findings of Fact and Decision are available for review at the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, 550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 920, Anchorage, AK 99501-3577, or on our website (www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/index.htm). The applicant or a person with an interest, which is or may be adversely affected by this decision may request in writing a hearing under AS 27.21.150 to review the reasons for this decision. The request for a hearing may be mailed or delivered to Joe Balash, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, and 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, AK 99501; faxed to 907.269.8918; or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. The request for a hearing must be received within 30 days after the applicant is notified of this decision; the request must be received by 5:00 p.m. of the 30th day.