

# Resource Development Council

**September 20, 2007** 

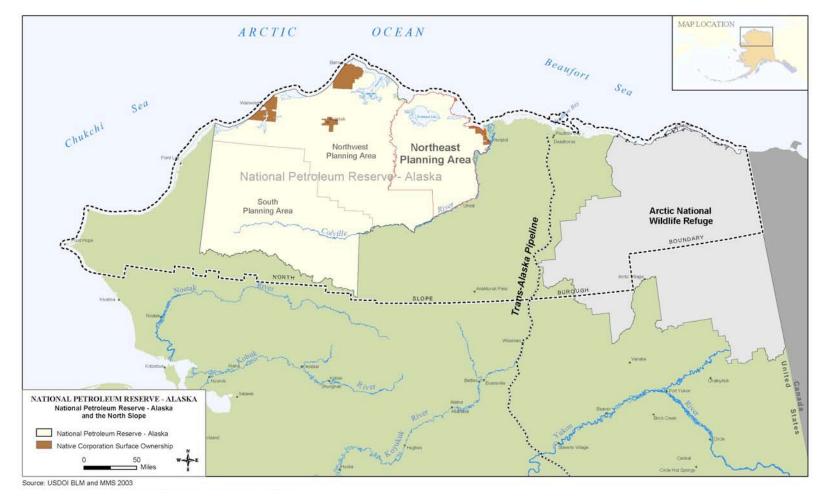


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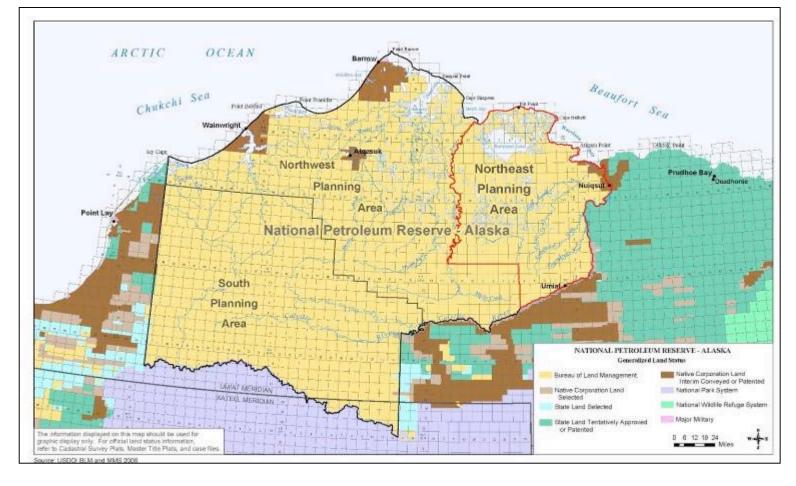


## The Long Road to NPR-A Energy Development

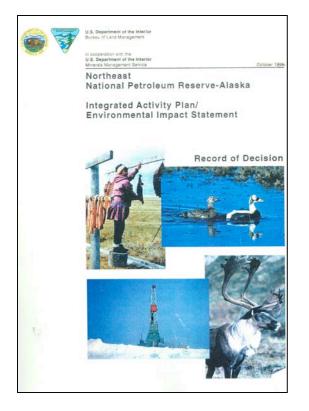




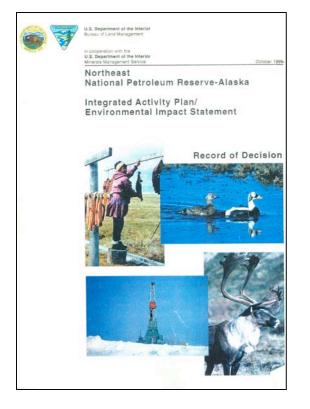


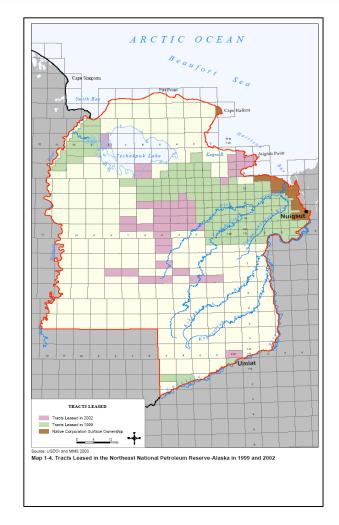














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### National Energy Policy



Report of the National Energy Policy Development Group

May 2001

"consider additional environmentally responsible oil and gas development, based on sound science and the best available technology, through further lease sales in the National Petroleum Reserve–Alaska,"

"such consideration should include areas not currently leased within the northeast corner of the National Petroleum Reserve–Alaska."



## Northwest NPR-A IAP/EIS - Completed in January 2004

## Northeast NPR-A Amended IAP/EIS - Completed in January 2006



## **Northwest NPR-A Amended IAP/EIS**



## AFFIRMED



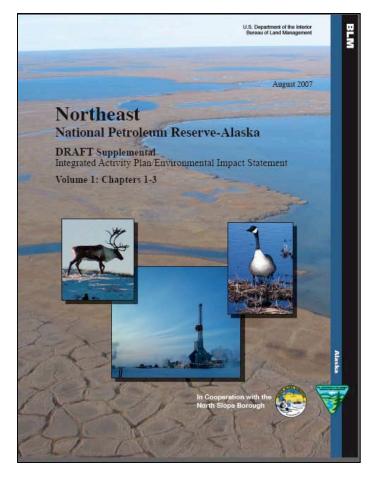
## **Northeast NPR-A Amended IAP/EIS**



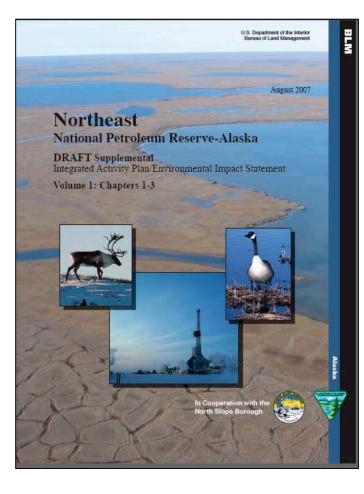


## Amended and Supplemental IAP/EIS: A Quick Comparison

- Cumulative impact analyses of oil and gas leasing in both Northeast and Northwest NPRA have been expanded
- Reasonably foreseeable oil and gas development is based on an increased price of oil
- Impact of commercial gas development related to a gas pipeline is analyzed
- Impact assessments consider the proposed listing of the polar bear as a threatened species

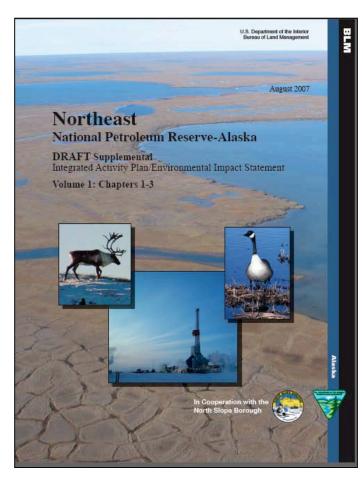






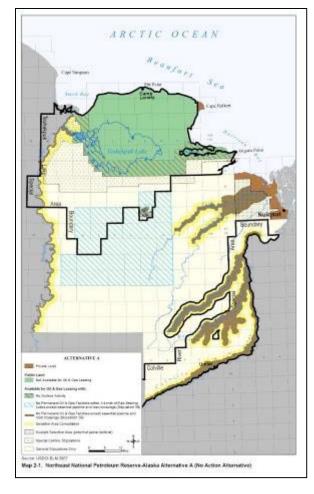
- Incorporates studied that have been reported since 2005
- Public health is analyzed as a separate topic
- New potential mitigation measures have been added to address impacts to public health and birds





- North Slope Borough is now a formal cooperating agency in the process
- No preferred alternative is designated



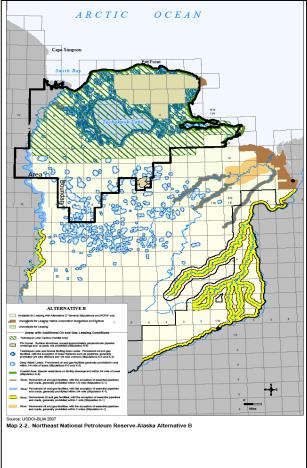


## Alternative A (1998 Decision)

- 4 million acres available for lease
- Setbacks around streams and lakes
- Prescriptive stipulations

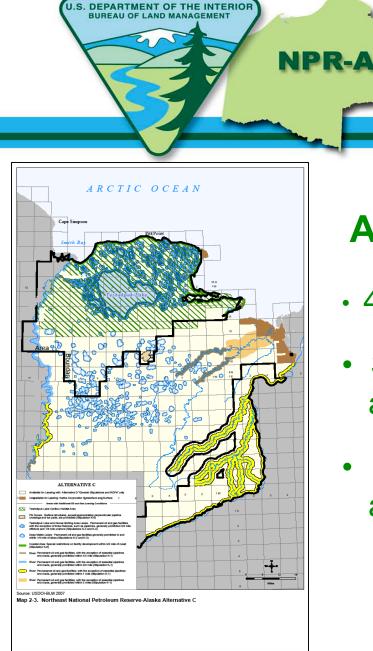


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## **Alternative B**

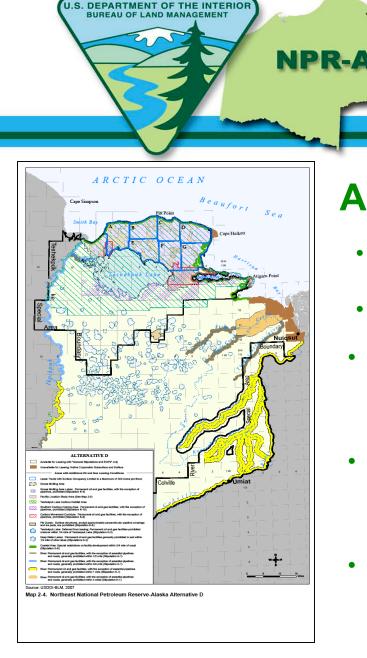
- 4.4 million acres available for lease
- Setbacks around streams and lakes
- Performance-based stipulations and requirement operating procedures



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## **Alternative C**

- 4.6 million acres available for lease
- Setbacks around streams and lakes
- Performance-based stipulations and required operating procedures



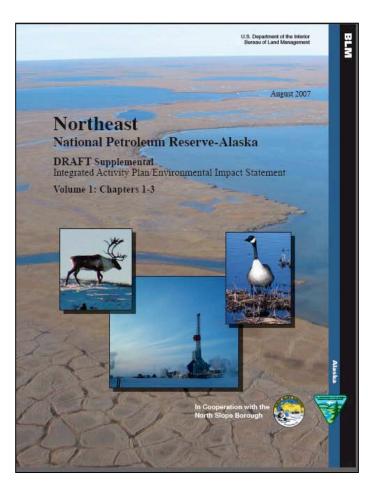
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## **Alternative D**

- 4.4 million acres available for lease
- Setbacks around streams and lakes
- 7 large tracts north and east of lake where new surface disturbance is limited to 300 acres per tract
- Permanent O&G facilities (except pipelines) prohibited near goose molting lakes and caribou calving and movement areas
- Performance-based stipulations and required operating procedures



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# Comment Period Ends October 23

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## **Next Steps**

## Final Northeast NPR-A Supplemental IAP/EIS: Early summer of 2008

Lease Sale: Late summer or early fall of 2008