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September 25, 2024

Ms. Jaclyn Daly
Permits and Authorization Division
National Marine Fisheries Service
Office of Protected Resources
1315 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Re:

Ice Road and Ice Trail End-of-Season Report for Ringed Seal Observations

Winter 2023-24

Dear Ms. Daly:

On December 22, 2020, Eni US Operating Co. Inc. (Eni) was issued a Letter of Authorization (LOA) from NMFS for incidental take of marine mammals during ice road/trail season on the North Slope of Alaska. The LOA requires an annual report after ice road season has ended. The purpose of this letter is to meet that requirement.

During the 2023-2024 winter season, ice roads and trails were used to or from Eni facilities. Piston Bullies and ice road-approved vehicles assisted with logistics of ice trail travel during parts of the winter season. Operators of approved vehicles received annual training required by the LOA and Eni's Best Management Practices (BMPs) for wildlife interactions.

Ringed seals were not observed within reportable distances during the 2023-2024 winter season.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Stephanie Rupert at 907-865-3300, stephanie.rupert@eni.com.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Rupert

Safety, Environmental and Quality Manager – Alaska

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