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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Subject: Nanushuk Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Lyons

The Associated General Contractors of Alaska is a construction trade association representing over 640 contractors, specialty contractors, suppliers and manufacturers in Alaska. Within our membership is much of Alaska's industrial and commercial construction industry. I am writing to express strong support for the Proposed Action in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and request you approve Alternative 2, the Applicant's Proposed Action and allow the Nanushuk project to move forward.

Nanushuk contains one of the largest potential sources of new oil production on the North Slope. Development will help offset declining light oil production and contribute to increasing the life span and efficiency of Trans-Alaska Pipeline System, now running at three-quarters empty. The Nanushuk project has the potential to produce up to 120,000 barrels of oil per day, significantly increasing TAPS throughput and revenues to the State of Alaska.

The project would generate significant long-term business and economic activity and up to 600 North Slope construction jobs for Alaskans. With up to three rigs supporting development for five years, each rig would generate 120 to 150 jobs, and more through fabrication, logistics, and indirect jobs. For each direct oil industry job, 20 additional jobs are generated in the Alaska economy

The \$5 billion Nanushuk prospect is an important and positive development for Alaska and could be one of the most significant discoveries on the North Slope since the discovery of the Alpine and Kuparuk oil fields. The Corps should approve Alternative 2, the Applicant's Proposed Action, and allow the project to move forward

Continuing improvements in technology, practices, and oversight, the oil industry has demonstrated that North Slope energy development and environmental stewardship can and do coexist. Industry has a proven track record of responsible development in environmentally-sensitive areas, protecting the environment, wildlife and subsistence needs of local residents

I urge you to approve Alternative 2, the Applicant's Proposed Action and allow the Nanushuk project to move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John MacKinnon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

John MacKinnon, Executive Director,
Associated General Contractors of Alaska