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Ms. Ellen Lyons
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Ms. Lyons,

The Aleut Corporation, one of thirteen regional Alaska Native Corporations in Alaska, is writing to support Alternative 2 of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Nanushuk Project proposed by Armstrong Energy, LLC.

The \$5 billion Nanushuk Project 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.

With the Trans-Alaska Pipeline running at only 25% capacity, this project has the potential to increase the flow by 120,000 barrels per day. This is vital to the state's economic outlook. The 600 construction jobs and 60 permanent jobs this project is anticipated to support is critical to the state's economy during these difficult times.

The Aleut Corporation supports responsible resource development and urges the US Army Corps of Engineers to approve Alternative 2 of the Nanushuk Project submitted by Armstrong Energy, LLC.

Sincerely,

Thomas Mack, President
Aleut Corporation

Cc: Resource Development Council