

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,

I attended the October 4, 2017 briefing meeting on the Nanushuk Project in Anchorage . I did not testify that evening, so I am using this method to express my support for the Nanushuk Project proposed by Armstrong Energy, LLC.

First, let me say that I have lived in Alaska for more than four decades, but have never worked in the oil or gas industry. My two occupations have been high school English teacher and owner/manager of retail stores. So while I have not worked in the oil industry, I have certainly benefited from all that the industry has provided the citizens of our state. Our quality of life, including an economy with good jobs, good schools, a fine university would not have occurred without the industry.

There are three primary reasons I support the Nanushuk Project:

1. The oil industry has a proven track record of responsible development in protecting the environment and wildlife.
2. The Nanushuk Project is located near existing industry infrastructure; this minimizes potential environmental impact.
3. The Project's proposed footprint of approximately 272 acres is small enough to be called a postage stamp on the vast North Slope of Alaska.

Finally, I am in Alaska for the long term. I have two adult sons who live and work in Anchorage and a seven year old grandson. I care about the future of our great state and would never advocate for something which would risk Alaska's environment. This project passes the test and I hope you will grant approval.

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