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Sent via email: Ellen.H.Lyons@usace.army.mil

Re: Comment on the Nanushuk Project Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Lyons:

My name is Gene Pavia, I have been a resident of Alaska since 1985. I have spent the majority of these years working on Alaska oil and gas projects earning wages to support my family of five. I fully support Alternative 2 (Applicants Proposed Action) of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Armstrong Energy, LLC, Nanushuk Project located near and northwest of the Village of Nuiqsut.

Responsible development of oil and gas resources in Alaska will allow me, the company I work for and numerous other support companies and Alaskans, to continue to maintain a high standard of living here in Alaska.

The responsible development of the Nanushuk Project will directly benefit Alaskans through the creation of hundreds of direct and indirect short- and long-term jobs, each supplying decent wages to be spent in Alaska and adding tax dollars to the State of Alaska. The Nanushuk Project has the potential to put an additional 120,000 barrels of oil into the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS). The additional North Slope oil production increases the vitality of TAPS and results in long term royalties and tariffs to the State of Alaska.

The oil and gas industry has proven that they can operate safely and effectively in northern Alaska while maintaining a high degree of environmental stewardship and respecting, listening to, and cooperating with local-affected stakeholders.

I strongly encourage the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to support and move forward with Alternative 2 of the Armstrong Energy LLC Nanushuk Project Draft EIS.

Sincerely,

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