

For the record my name is Joe Rintala and I am construction Business agent for Teamsters Local 959.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Nanushuk project.

Our union represents Teamsters that are employed on the North Slope by Alaska Frontier Contractors, , Houston Contracting, Doyon Associated , Nanuq, and Price Gregory to name a few. 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 Nanushuk project has the potential to produce up to 120,000 barrels of oil per day, significantly increasing TAPS throughput and revenues for the State of Alaska. This project is already located near existing industry infrastructure, minimizing potential environmental impact.

The States' economic viability thrives on revenue; more production means more revenue for our Teamster members as well as other industry workers-- more production means more jobs. Us as Alaskans know, it is the oil industry who continues to generate the most in revenue to the State, even in spite of oil price declines. Over the years BILLIONS of dollars of oil revenue has been used to fund our Capital budget improving our infrastructures around the state. It also has created our savings accounts and Permanent Fund.

Teamsters Local 959 supports this project and Alternative 2. Proven responsible development leads to new revenue for the state and jobs for Alaskans. The US Army Corps of Engineers should approve Alternative 2, the Applicant's Proposed Action, and allow the project to move forward.

Thank you..



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