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[EXTERNAL] Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing EIS scoping comments

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To: "blm_ak_coastalplain_EIS@blm.gov" <blm_ak_coastalplain_EIS@blm.gov>

Good afternoon,

Please find attached comments from NANA Regional Corporation on the Coastal Plain Oil & Gas Leasing EIS scoping.

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Ms. Karen Mouritsen, State Director
Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Comments
Bureau of Land Management
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Via email to: blm_ak_coastalplain_comments@blm.com

Re: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program

Dear Director Mouritsen:

NANA Regional Corporation (NANA) is writing in support of an oil and gas leasing program within the non-Wilderness portion of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

NANA is an Alaska Native Corporation formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) that is owned by over 14,300 shareholders and holding title to approximately 2.2 million acres of land in the Northwest Arctic. NANA has a long history of stewardship of our lands and responsible development of our resources.

The proposed oil and gas leasing program would allow for development of no more than 2,000 acres of the 1.6 million acres of the coastal plain, roughly 0.01 percent of the entire refuge. Alaska has had a long history of responsible oil and gas development. Alaska's oil and gas resources are significant, and should be considered as part of a suite of the United States' energy resources required to bolster domestic energy production and decreasing dependence on foreign oil and energy. The coastal plain's nearly 10.4 billion barrels of oil and 8.6 trillion cubic feet of natural gas would provide throughput for The Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS), Alaska's economic lifeline. The close proximity of the existing TAPS infrastructure means development of these resources can be achieved in some of the most environmentally sound ways. Rarely, does the opportunity exist in resource development for such concordant priorities.

Alaska remains a resource development state with the state's economic health and prosperity closely tied to the ability to responsibly develop resources. The project will bring meaningful benefits to local residents, the state, and the nation. New job creation and increased throughput through the Trans-Alaska Pipeline are critical to Alaska's economic success. NANA is confident that development in this carefully defined and discrete portion of ANWR can carefully balance development impacts with the necessary protections of the environment and important subsistence resources.

NANA supports implementing an oil and gas leasing program within the non-Wilderness portion of the coastal plain of ANWR.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Cravalho
Vice President of External and Government Affairs