

Attn: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas
Leasing Program EIS
222 West 7th Avenue, Stop #13
Anchorage, Alaska 99513

**Re: Comments on the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact
Statement for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program, Alaska**

Dear Ms. Hayes:

I am writing to express my opposition to any oil and gas activities on the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Oil and gas activities on the Coastal Plain are an affront to the Gwich'in Nation's human rights and way of life. The Coastal Plain is vitally important to the Gwich'in People because of its importance as the birthing and nursing grounds of the Porcupine Caribou Herd. The Porcupine Caribou Herd has provided vital sustenance for the Gwich'in People for thousands of years. Oil and gas activities are a threat to the Gwich'in physical, spiritual, and cultural survival.

I am particularly concerned about the following areas and impacts that oil and gas activities would have on the Arctic Refuge: *Water, land, air pollution which negatively impacts subsistence hunting and fishing for the people who live near the Arctic Refuge.*

I am concerned about these issues because:

I worked at Point Thomson and other projects for both ASRC & Doyon and seen first hand all of the pollution that happened during multiple oil/gas projects.

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that:

I believe the commenting period needs to be extended and also translated into Inupiat, Gwich'in and different dialects of Athabascan so that the people who are indigenous to those lands will understand the destruction they are being threatened with.

Sincerely,

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Signature

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