

Attn: Coastal Plain Oil and Gas  
Leasing Program EIS  
222 West 7<sup>th</sup> 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:

*We will not have our Traditional food  
That Gwich'in people live on for many  
years.*

I am concerned about these issues because:

*I am a hunter and that's the only  
way I feed my family. This is more  
than culture.*

If these issues are not addressed I am worried that:

*It is necessity.  
our children's children will  
consider themselves indigenous because  
of all the changes the oil development  
impacted.*

Sincerely,

*Kenneth Frank*

Signature

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