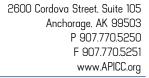# Workforce Alliance

The project would use more fracked gas than all of the state's power plants, combined. The company has sought to mislead regulators and the public about the purpose and impact of the refinery, falsely claiming that the project will displace dirtier forms of fossil fuels.

Very few of the jobs will come into the community with this proposed project and even fewer jobs would be filled by local residents.

The project would increase GHG within the state by almost one million metric tons of carbon dioxide a year. This facility would be one of the 10 largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions in the state. Northwest Innovation Works has said that it will mitigate all of the facility's in-state emissions.

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Re: Repsol Nanushuk Project EIS

Dear Ms. Post:

The Alaska Process Industry Careers Consortium (APICC) is writing to support Repsol's proposed Nanushuk Project. APICC is a statewide workforce development organization comprised of individuals and companies within Alaska's Oil and Gas, Mining, Construction, Maritime, and Health Care sectors. This includes Alaska Native Corporations, private companies, organized labor, and educational institutions. APICC works with industry and educational institutions to prepare Alaskan's to work in living-wage jobs in Alaska.

With the steady decline of oil through the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS), the oil reserves that are associated with the Nanushuk Project can help TAPS remain a viable conduit for Alaska's North Slope Oil.

As part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), it is imperative that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers fully consider potential employment and other economic benefits that would be associated with the Nanushuk Project. The workforce for the proposed Nanushuk Project will increase to 600 full-time positions that will support construction for more than three years. Another 260 full time employees will drill for five years. Sixty full-time employees will live on the North Slope and operate the field and 60 will be stationed in Anchorage for the expected 30-year field duration. Contracted support staff will also provide camp facilities and transportation.

Repsol is committed to hiring local workers to support North Slope operations and other activities within Alaska. If this long-term project moves forward, it is essential to begin talking to students today to ensure an available, well-trained Alaskan workforce. Educational opportunities to fill these potential jobs are available at Alaska's university, college, and vocational training facilities. The University of Alaska process technology program, developed and monitored by APICC, is a source for future employees. Additionally, there will be an opportunity people with oil and gas experience to apply for positions.

A robust workforce and associated economic benefits provided by development of the Nanushuk Project is clearly in the public interest. APICC strongly urges the U.S. Corps of Engineers to consider the economic benefits of the Nanushuk Project in the EIS.

Sincerely,

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