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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
ALPINE SATELLITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC MEETING PROCEEDINGS

BEFORE JIM DUCKER, HEARING OFFICER
Environmental Program Analyst
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (On record; 7:00 p.m.)

3 MR. DUCKER: Good evening. It is now 7:01 p.m. and the
4 appointed time to start, and I would like to call this hearing
5 to order. My name is Jim Ducker and I am tonight's hearing
6 officer.

7 This hearing is being held for the purpose of providing
8 you an opportunity to make oral comments on the Bureau of Land
9 Management's Alpine Satellite Development Plan Draft
10 Environmental Impact Statement. Unlike the open house, this is
11 a formal hearing and, as such, we will not be entertaining
12 questions; however, several individuals from BLM and two of the
13 cooperating agencies in this EIS - EPA and the State of
14 Alaska - are here as well as representatives of ConocoPhillips
15 who has proposed the development, and ENTRIX, the contractor
16 assisting in developing the EIS. They will be available to
17 answer questions after the meeting, if time allows.

18 This Draft EIS analyzes the impacts of a proposal that
19 has been submitted to us by ConocoPhillips to develop five new
20 drilling pads near their Alpine facilities. Figures, maps that
21 show the proposal, which is Alternative A and alternatives to
22 it, are on the back table.

23 This EIS process began exactly a year ago today when
24 BLM issued a notice of intent in the Federal Register. We
25 followed up with meetings in March to determine the scope of

1 issues and concerns. The current Draft EIS is out for public
2 comment until March 1st, after which BLM and the cooperating
3 agencies will develop a preferred alternative, which we will
4 release to the public in the Final EIS in July.

5 Additional information on the DEIS and EIS process is
6 available at the sign-in table with the -- there are some
7 newsletters. The Draft EIS is available on the Internet at
8 Alpine-Satellites-EIS.com. All comments provided to BLM and
9 its contractor will be compiled, analyzed, and considered in
10 preparing the Final EIS. In addition to speaking tonight or
11 filling out one of the comment forms provided at the sign-in
12 table, comments can be provided through the Web site or by
13 mailing them to ENTRIX, Project Office, 3701 East Tudor Road,
14 Suite 208, Anchorage, Alaska 99507. The comments can also be
15 faxed to the number on the board. The Web site and ENTRIX's
16 address are listed in the newsletter, as well. Again, the
17 deadline for submitting comments is March 1st, 2004.

18 This hearing is one of a series being conducted to
19 obtain the public's comments. In addition to tonight's
20 meetings, meetings have been held at Barrow, Nuiqsut, and
21 Anaktuvuk Pass, and next week we will meet -- meetings will be
22 held at Anchorage and Atqasuk. So that we can accurately
23 record your comments tonight, I will call the names of those
24 who have indicated they wish to speak and invite you to come up
25 to the microphone. That microphone, the one that works. You

1 will then state your name, state the organization you
2 represent, if any, and then make your comments. If you have
3 written comments, I will ask you to provide them to Liz at the
4 recorder's table and they will be included as part of the
5 record of this hearing.

6 I will ask each speaker to limit comments to five
7 minutes. I've asked Rob, a fellow BLMer, to hold up handy
8 signs that will tell you when you get to four and five minutes
9 and ask that -- if you reach the time limit, I'd ask that you'd
10 summarize your comments briefly and request that you step down
11 to let others speak. We have the last I heard 18 people signed
12 up to speak, so there's a good deal of interest in getting
13 everybody at having a chance to speak.

14 When we complete the list of people wishing to speak,
15 and if time allows, I will offer you another opportunity to
16 speak as well as ask if there are any others who wish to
17 comment. Before we begin to take comments, I would like to
18 stress that our meeting tonight is specifically to hear
19 comments and concerns related to the Alpine Satellite
20 Development Plan. Your comments will serve several purposes:
21 They will tell us if we have correctly identified the resources
22 of the area, uses of these lands, and the potential effects of
23 the different alternatives in the Draft EIS. You can suggest
24 other alternatives that would reduce or eliminate effects on
25 lands and resources.

1 As we begin now to take comments, I request that the
2 audience be considerate of the speaker and give him or her the
3 courtesy of your attention. I now call the first person to
4 speak and that is Mark Greer. There's -- that microphone I
5 think works.

6 MR. GREER: Yeah, my name is Mark Greer. I've lived in
7 Fairbanks for almost 30 years now and I'm here to speak in
8 favor of this project. I've been working in the construction
9 field since 1974 and been around construction, and I feel
10 there's no problem as far as environmental reasons to stop this
11 project. I know we're firm -- firm believers in the
12 environment and if we do have problems with environment,
13 problems with people on purposely doing problems with it, I
14 know we send -- usually send them back to town. So as far as
15 the construction field damaging any part of the environment, I
16 don't think there's going to be a problem there whatsoever.
17 But I'm here on behalf of the Laborers 942 out of Fairbanks and
18 I am in favor of this. Thank you very much.

19 MR. DUCKER: Thank you. The next speaker is John
20 Whitehead.

21 MR. WHITEHEAD: Thank you. Good evening. My name is
22 John Whitehead. I'm -- I work for ConocoPhillips Alaska. I'm
23 the vice president for the Western North Slope. My
24 responsibilities include the Alpine Field and also the five
25 satellites in the Alpine Satellite Development.

1 ConocoPhillips is the largest producer of oil and gas
2 in Alaska, largest holder of state and federal leases, and we
3 are also the most active explorer in Alaska.

4 I'm pleased to be here in Fairbanks tonight to voice
5 ConocoPhillips' support of Alternative A of the Draft EIS for
6 the Alpine Satellite Development. Alternative A represents a
7 balance among environmental concerns, geology, respect for
8 subsistence way of life for the Native people of the North
9 Slope. ConocoPhillips has a proven track record on Alaska's
10 North Slope and in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. Our
11 Alpine Field has been used by state and federal agencies and
12 also nongovernmental organizations as an example of how to do
13 it right.

14 The satellite development project has been designed
15 using practices and technology that we've learned and improved
16 on over the last 30 years of Arctic development. It has been
17 designed in a way that minimizes environmental impact and the
18 size of our footprint, as well as preserves the Arctic
19 environment. Our project design already voluntarily
20 incorporates over 80 mitigation measures. These measures
21 include everything from consultation with the local residents
22 on subsistence issues, waste minimization, and a constant
23 vigilance on reducing the size of our footprint.

24 The entire area impacted by these five satellites would
25 be three-tenths of one percent of the area that's being

1 considered by the BLM. That equates to about two-quarters in
2 the back of an F150 pickup.

3 Alternative A also asks for relatively few stipulation
4 modifications and they don't present any significant impact to
5 the surrounding environment. Without these modifications, the
6 entire project would be in jeopardy. ConocoPhillips has also
7 proven that we can work closely with our neighbors and operate
8 in a way which respects the way of life of the residents of the
9 North Slope of Alaska. Dialogue that continually takes place
10 between us and our neighbors has made significant steps in our
11 relationship.

12 ConocoPhillips is committed to working with the North
13 Slope residents to ensure that development happens in a way
14 that not only respects their heritage, but their subsistence
15 way of life. Oil and gas development in the National Petroleum
16 Reserve-Alaska will have economic benefits for Alaska, the
17 Native people, and the nation. For more than 30 years, oil and
18 gas development has been the economic engine that provides jobs
19 and tax revenues for Alaska. The Alpine Satellite Development
20 will generate over 3.5 million manhours of work over the six to
21 seven years of the project. It will employ on a yearly basis
22 over that six to seven years over 250 people in good jobs with
23 the jobs peaking at about 550 construction jobs. These jobs
24 are construction jobs like welders, pipeline builders, gravel
25 truck drivers, but a significant number of a variety of jobs.

1 ConocoPhillips has a strong history of hiring Alaska.
2 Of the approximately 800 employees on our staff, 91 percent
3 declare Alaska as their home. In addition, this project will
4 generate more than 600 million dollars in revenue for the state
5 and government -- and federal government. In addition, a
6 million more in taxes for the North Slope Borough.

7 I do have to ask tonight, is there anybody in this
8 audience -- or how many in this audience, in fact, how many in
9 Fairbanks believes that there is enough investment in Alaska,
10 that we have enough jobs in Alaska? I dare to say that there's
11 few that believe we have enough investment and we have enough
12 jobs. Clearly, continued investment on the North Slope will
13 benefit everyone who lives in Alaska through state and local
14 revenues, better jobs, and better schools for our children.

15 I strongly urge the BLM and the Department of Interior
16 to support Alternative A and find it is in the best interest of
17 development for the residents of Alaska and for the nation to
18 bring about the first commercial oil production from the
19 National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. Thank you.

20 MR. DUCKER: Thank you. Tonight's -- thank you.
21 Tonight's next speaker is John Binkley.

22 MR. BINKLEY: Good evening and thank you for the
23 opportunity to speak out this evening. My name is John
24 Binkley. I'm speaking actually with a couple different hats.
25 Actually, three hats this evening. First, I'll speak as

1 chairman of the board for the Alaska Railroad Corporation,
2 which is a state-owned entity, owned by the people of the State
3 of Alaska and yet independently operated. Our railroad depends
4 heavily on the oil industry for its economic viability. We're
5 a self-sustaining entity of the State of Alaska. We have
6 several different lines of business that are affected by this
7 industry. One is our interline business where we bring
8 supplies and material for the oil industry via our rail barges
9 up from the Lower 48 to Whittier and then on to our rail lines
10 on up to Fairbanks. That's about a 19 million dollar line of
11 business for the Alaska Railroad. About 65 percent of that is
12 directly from the oil industry: tubular products, pipe, mud,
13 chemical, those sorts of products. Also, about 40 million
14 dollars of our revenue comes from our refined petroleum
15 products that we haul from North Pole down to the Southcentral
16 Anchorage area and, of course, that requires a steady supply of
17 crude oil coming into that facility to be able to make that
18 viable, and there are many other aspects of the Alaska
19 Railroad. And so, from the railroad's perspective, we are
20 certainly supportive of Alternative A that's proposed and we
21 feel that that is a fair and even-balanced.

22 Next I would like to speak on behalf of the company
23 that I work for, which is Alaska Riverways. It's a family-
24 owned tourism business. We've been in the riverboating
25 business for a long time, a lot of generations and a lot of

1 years in the Interior. I was born and raised here and grew up
2 in that business. Although we don't directly benefit from the
3 oil industry, we really rely on the benefits that that industry
4 has brought to our community: the infrastructure that that has
5 built, the roads, the bridges, the docks that bring -- the
6 airports that bring the people here, the visitors here to
7 Alaska that allow us to operate our business. Also, the
8 excellent schools that we enjoy. We require a large seasonal
9 workforce; it has to be a well-educated workforce and our
10 schools provide that for us and that money ultimately comes
11 from this industry.

12 Finally, I would speak from the perspective of a
13 parent. I have four children, one daughter-in-law; three of
14 those are petroleum engineers. I have a son and a daughter and
15 a daughter-in-law that are all petroleum engineers. I have one
16 son that's graduating from college this spring as a petroleum
17 engineer and I hope that he has an opportunity to work in the
18 industry that he has chosen, that he has pursued in his career
19 and education, not going to Venezuela or Abu Dhabi or Indonesia
20 to work, but to be able to come back to Alaska and work here in
21 the profession that he has chosen in the oil and gas industry.

22 So from all of those perspectives, I support this
23 project. I support Alternative A, would like to see it go
24 forward. I think it's a fair balance between the protection of
25 the environment, the need for Alaska to develop our resources,

1 to benefit its people, and taking into account the subsistence
2 needs and the people in that area. Thank you very much.

3 MR. DUCKER: Thank you. This evening's next speaker is
4 Mayor Steve Thompson.

5 MAYOR THOMPSON: Good evening. My name is Steve
6 Thompson. I'm the mayor of the City of Fairbanks. I'm here to
7 speak in favor of Alternative A. Although it's very necessary
8 to have these type of meetings and to do these studies,
9 sometimes we seem to put more and more stumbling blocks in
10 front of anybody trying to be productive or to do a job. I
11 realize this has to be done, but sometimes we make it so
12 cumbersome that it costs millions of dollars. The longer that
13 these processes take, the more, more, and more it costs.

14 Alternative A seems like it is the very best way for
15 this to be considered. It only touches three-tenths of one
16 percent of the land that BLM is considering. That's a pretty
17 small footprint. In the industry, ConocoPhillips and the
18 others that are up there, especially them, they have proven
19 that they can do this job, their work, their exploration, their
20 drilling in a more and more responsible manner. They are very
21 sensitive to the ecology of that very sensitive area up there,
22 and they seem to be also very sensitive to the cultural impact
23 that they do have, and they improve every time, every year goes
24 by, every job they do; they learn more and they get even
25 better.

1 They can do this job responsibly without having a large
2 impact on the econ- -- on the ecology or on the culture and
3 when you look at the impact to the State of Alaska, it'd be
4 over 600 million dollars to the state in taxes and revenues.
5 That affects every municipality, including the City of
6 Fairbanks. We're getting less and less funding; we're seeing
7 more and more cut-backs; we're seeing more people looking for
8 jobs. This creates over 500 jobs during its peak. These type
9 of production jobs, these type of projects, and there's three
10 of these pads in the Alpine that will be in the National
11 Petroleum Reserve that's -- it was set aside specifically by
12 the government for production of energy for our United States.

13 So I'm speaking in favor of Alternative A and I urge
14 you to not make this process too long and too cumbersome
15 because it costs millions and millions of more dollars the
16 longer it takes and the more blockades are put in front of a
17 project like this.

18 MR. DUCKER: Thank you very much.

19 MAYOR THOMPSON: Thank you.

20 MR. DUCKER: Tonight's next speaker is Steve Frank.

21 MR. FRANK: Thank you. Are we supposed to say our name
22 and address or anything or.....

23 COURT REPORTER: Just a name.

24 MR. DUCKER: I think.....

25 MR. STEVE FRANK: Just a name? Okay. My name is Steve

1 Frank. I reside here in Fairbanks and I -- and I just wanted
2 to say that oil development is very important to the State of
3 Alaska and to the economy of Fairbanks, and it's very important
4 to our state's fiscal health as well. Our state's financial
5 regime is largely built on oil revenues from resources owned
6 within the state -- or by the state, and we need to continue to
7 develop our resources to maintain our state's financial health
8 and our economy.

9 One thing that's become increasingly important or
10 obvious to me is that we're in a worldwide market for oil and
11 we -- we want to, I think, make sure that we are as efficient
12 as we can be so that we can compete globally in the world oil
13 market. We can afford sound environmental policies, and we
14 should, but we can't have excessive or un -- with unnecessary
15 delays and that sort of thing. So it's just I think a really
16 competitive market out there and we've got to do our job as
17 state and federal regulators in an efficient and timely manner.

18 I think that Alternative A is a good balance to meet
19 the environmental concerns as well as the company's approach to
20 how they want to do it. They seem to be meeting the required
21 environmental policies. So I hope that the BLM will approve
22 Alternative A so that this project can move forward in a timely
23 and efficient manner - that's my main point, timely and
24 efficient - so that we can have -- continue to have jobs in the
25 industry, economic development, tax revenues for the people of

1 Alaska and so that we can improve our economy. Thank you.

2 MR. DUCKER: Thank you. Tonight's next speaker is Mark
3 Hanley.

4 MR. HANLEY: Good evening. Thanks for the opportunity
5 to talk here tonight. My name is Mark Hanley and I'm the
6 public affairs manager for Anadarco Petroleum here in Alaska.

7 Anadarco is a large independent oil and gas company and
8 our only business is to find and produce oil and gas. Unlike
9 the major oil companies, we do not operate refineries,
10 transportation systems, or retail outlets. In Alaska, we're a
11 partner in the Alpine development project as well as in the
12 proposed Alpine Satellite Development Plan. We're also engaged
13 in exploring for oil and gas elsewhere on the North Slope and
14 we operated our first exploration well within the Northeast
15 area of NPR-A as a 100 percent Anadarco well in 2001.

16 Anadarco supports Alternative A as the most
17 technologically sound and economically feasible of the
18 alternatives presented in the Final Draft EIS. Project
19 economics and technology ultimately decide any project's
20 viability, but Alternative A has an added benefit of
21 representing an environmentally balanced approach.

22 The oil and gas industry has demonstrated that it can
23 and will operate using technologies that are protective of
24 North Slope environmental resources and subsistence activities.
25 This can be accomplished with Alternative A. The Alpine

1 Satellite Development Plan provides significant benefits
2 including revenue for the North Slope and the State of Alaska
3 and federal government. Local and regional employment
4 opportunities especially during construction will add jobs to
5 the workforce. These are important economic benefits to the
6 North Slope Borough and the State of Alaska, especially in the
7 face of increasing budget constraints. The project will also
8 help extend the life of the TransAlaska Pipeline system which
9 is vital to the economic interests of both the North Slope and
10 Alaska.

11 Anadarco is one of the wave of new companies exploring
12 here in Alaska. I would say ConocoPhillips is kind of the
13 anchor explorer and you've got a lot of independents up here
14 that are interested in exploring in Alaska. And independents
15 need a predictable, timely, and cost-effective permitting
16 process that at the same time provides adequate protection for
17 environmental and local concerns. This is necessary in order
18 to maintain an interest in future exploration and development
19 investment here in Alaska.

20 Anadarco supports maintaining the current EIS and
21 permitting schedule, the selection of the applicant's
22 Alternative A, and the issuance of a Record of Decision that
23 allows this project to proceed on schedule and with
24 cost-effective and technologically achievable social, cultural,
25 and environmental stipulations. Thank you.

1 MR. DUCKER: Thank you. Tonight's next speaker is
2 Mr. Kenneth Martin.

3 MR. MARTIN: Hello, everybody. My name is Ken Martin.
4 I'm with the Local Laborers 942, and I support the Alternative
5 A for -- that's it. That's all my message. That's the total
6 message right there.

7 MR. DUCKER: Thank you very much. Donald Lowry.

8 MR. LOWRY: First, I'd like to thank you for the
9 opportunity to testify tonight. My name is Don Lowry. I'm a
10 field representative for Operating Engineers Local 302. I'm
11 here tonight in favor of Alternative A. I think this would
12 provide good jobs for many of Alaskans, you know, not only from
13 the rural areas, but from the villages and everything. I think
14 the oil companies have proven that they can do this in a safe
15 and environmentally friendly way. Our workers take pride in
16 the work that they do on the North Slope and they -- you know,
17 they spend hundreds of hours of special training annually to
18 make sure that the work that they do up there is done to
19 protect the environment and the wildlife.

20 So I'd just like to say that the -- I support
21 Alternative A, and thank you very much.

22 MR. DUCKER: Thank you. Tim Sharp is the next speaker.

23 MR. SHARP: Good evening. My name is Tim Sharp. I
24 also appreciate the forum. I'm the business manager of
25 Laborers Local 942, representing around 1,100 oilfield and

1 pipeline workers, many of which who are out of work as we speak
2 here today.

3 We normally have 200 people to 250 people working at
4 this time of year, working on projects like this between 70 and
5 150 miles every winter developing the infrastructure of the
6 Alaskan oilfield. Last year we had three miles of pipe; this
7 year we have six miles of pipe, and this can't go on much
8 longer for us. We're starting to feel the squeeze and it -- it
9 makes a real downward pressure on the sustainable economy here
10 in Fairbanks.

11 The oil companies have a good track record of
12 engineering their projects. I've personally worked on them for
13 18 years. If I hadn't done the hands-on and seen the stuff
14 from beginning -- in other words, the plans to fruition, I
15 guess I'd -- I might have a different opinion. But they've
16 proven what they can do and we have faith that they'll continue
17 on hiring Alaskans and putting people from Fairbanks to work.
18 So we support Alternative A. Thank you.

19 MR. DUCKER: Thank you. Loretta Lolnitz. I hope I
20 got the name right.

21 MS. LOLNITZ: No, you said it right.

22 MR. DUCKER: Thank you.

23 MS. LOLNITZ: Good evening. Thanks for allowing me to
24 testify on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. You'll
25 have to excuse the way I'm dressed, but I was out jogging after

1 my training at the union hall and picked up my little girl from
2 the sitter and so anyway I didn't expect to see so many big
3 shots around.

4 (General laughter)

5 MS. LOLNITZ: Okay. My name is Loretta Lolnitz and I
6 reside here in Fairbanks due to lack of job availability in my
7 village of Koyukuk. I am an Athabascan Indian and I know how
8 to live a subsistence life. Being able to understand it and
9 being able to live it are two different things. Okay.

10 So I do support whatever the people up north are
11 commenting on for their own livelihood; however, I am a laborer
12 by preference and by trade. I'm married and I have five
13 children. My youngest one is a girl and she lives with me here
14 in Fairbanks. I'm also a registered voter.

15 I support Alternative A, the CPAI proposed action,
16 because I need to work and the proposed action would put many
17 of us Alaskans to work. Thank you.

18 MR. DUCKER: Thank you very much. Sean Rice is the
19 next speaker.

20 MR. RICE: Good evening. My name is Sean Rice. I work
21 for the City of Fairbanks, but I'm also a worker and I'm here
22 for the men and women who work here in the State of Alaska.
23 And Alternative A would be a great benefit to them because I've
24 worked on the North Slope and the first thing first is, you
25 know, it's safety for the people; the second thing is safety

1 for the environment. So I believe that we could do this in a
2 very productive and safe manner. This would bring lots of jobs
3 to the people, you know, not only locally, but, you know, for
4 everyone else in the State of Alaska. The more money that we
5 make, the more money we'd be able to spend locally, which is
6 better for the economy locally.

7 Once again, I'm here for Alternative A. Thank you very
8 much.

9 MR. DUCKER: Thank you. The next speaker is Cathy -- I
10 think.....

11 MS. MILLER: M-i-l-l-e-r?

12 MR. DUCKER: I'm sorry?

13 MS. MILLER: M-i-l-l-e-r?

14 MR. DUCKER: That's probably it.

15 MS. MILLER: 1024 Seventh Avenue?

16 MR. DUCKER: Seventh Avenue. That's it. All right.
17 I'm sorry.

18 MS. MILLER: That's okay. I was writing fast. Okay.
19 Well, you all know my name now. My name is Cathy Miller. I've
20 been up here for 18 years. I joined the Local 942 a couple
21 years ago. They took me in for the apprenticeship. They put
22 me up north working on pipeline. I'm a single parent with two
23 kids. I have made more money in eight months than I have made
24 in a regular job in four years. This, I think, is the ultimate
25 way to go. I support Alternative A.

1 MR. DUCKER: Thank you.

2 MS. MILLER: Thank you.

3 MR. DUCKER: The next speaker is Paul Metz.

4 MR. METZ: I'm Paul Metz. I'm the chair of the
5 Department of Mining and Geological Engineering at the
6 University of Alaska in Fairbanks, but I'm speaking on my own
7 behalf rather than on behalf of the university.

8 I've been teaching geological engineering for nearly 30
9 years and we've been preparing the students in environmental
10 engineering, hydrology, geotechnical engineering, resource
11 exploration, mining engineering, and petroleum engineering for
12 many of those years and many of those students that have
13 graduated from the University of Alaska have gone to work on
14 the North Slope. I've also had first-hand experience working
15 in the -- in the area that's under discussion here and was
16 contractor for the BLM during the construction of the oil line
17 and examined the gravel and the material resources from Prudhoe
18 Bay all the way down to Valdez over -- of a three-year time
19 period. So I'm very familiar with the area.

20 The oil industry has been a major contributor to the
21 economy of Alaska for the last 30 years and that cannot be
22 overstated. An investigation by a local consulting firm here
23 in Fairbanks estimated in 1999 that the oil and gas and
24 supporting industries have contributed directly to the economy
25 in the Fairbanks North Star Borough to the tune of 250 million

1 dollars a year. You heard that what the impact of this
2 development of the Alpine Field would have on the revenues to
3 the state, which is several times that. So the contribution --
4 the economic contribution, the contribution to the livelihood
5 of people from all walks of life is enormous.

6 The Alternative A calls for the construction of
7 facilities within a three-mile corridor buffer zone around Fish
8 Creek. This -- the construction activity is in the outer mile
9 of that three-mile wide corridor. That corridor is three times
10 the width of a corridor for the wild and scenic river systems
11 that we have not only in Alaska, but in the contiguous states.
12 I think any concern that there would be an adverse impact
13 from these construction facilities to Fish Creek is not founded
14 in scientific basis. There is an adequate corridor two miles
15 wide; there would be an adequate corridor a mile wide, and I
16 don't think the hurdle for Fish Creek should be any greater
17 than the hurdle for the wild and scenic river systems.

18 So I strongly support the Alternative A as a least cost
19 and therefore the preferred alternative in terms of the
20 economic benefits to the State of Alaska and to the individuals
21 that are working in Alaska and the -- and the owners of the
22 facilities that are providing these jobs and this essential
23 economy for our state. Thank you.

24 MR. DUCKER: Thank you. The next speaker is Kimberly
25 Cordes.

1 MS. CORDES: Good evening. My name is Kimberly Cordes.
2 I'm from Local 942. I've been a resident for almost 30 years,
3 lacking two to go take care of my mother Outside. I support
4 proposal A for my family and for Alaska. Thank you.

5 MR. DUCKER: Thank you very much. The next speaker is
6 John E. Swortfiguer, and I hope I've got that close.

7 MR. SWORTFIGUER: Good enough.

8 MR. DUCKER: Thank you.

9 MR. SWORTFIGUER: John Edgar Swortfiguer here to speak
10 on behalf of myself and the Laborers Local 942 and the other
11 trade halls that have already spoken up this evening, and those
12 that have yet to speak, I'm hoping.

13 Starting with the concerns here locally, I'm in favor
14 of the proposal -- the Alternative A going forward and we are
15 putting a face on the issue of this work being done and those
16 faces are out here today. They have children that they want to
17 raise here, that they want to educate here, that they hope to
18 see employed in the State of Alaska to carry out the heritage
19 of what we believe is one of the greatest states to be founded
20 since the Union was put together.

21 I, personally, have two daughters and they're of
22 Athabaskan descent and would like to see them stay long enough
23 in the state to return to it the things that they've gotten out
24 of it, and that would be to get an education here and to pass
25 on their heritage, hopefully, to their children and I hope to

1 be able to afford to educate them here by working in a viable
2 industry such as the energy industry. And as far as the North
3 Slope goes, I've spent time up there building the Alpine
4 infrastructure and have worked and worshipped with the people
5 of Nuiqsut, and know that the cultural, the environmental
6 concerns here are all real and there is no more professional
7 concern for that than the men and women in the field -- the
8 oilfields of Alaska. They take it serious when they're out
9 there, that they're on -- they're in the backyard of the people
10 that are the First Nation People and they have a high respect
11 not only for the people, but for the land and for their
12 subsistence lifestyle and their ability to continue to do what
13 they've always done in addition to the technological
14 advancements of working in the oilfields alongside of us.

15 So we are in support of Alternative A and we're glad to
16 see an eclectic gathering of people. The gentleman from
17 ConocoPhillips, Mr. Johansen from Flowline, I'd like to welcome
18 here this evening and Mr. Thompson, the mayor. It's good to
19 see that all these people are speaking up on behalf of seeing
20 this go responsibly forward so we can all get about the
21 business of feeding our families and staying in the state where
22 we are -- we find dear to us. Thanks.

23 MR. DUCKER: Thank you. Norm Phillips.

24 MR. PHILLIPS: Good evening. My name is Norm Phillips.
25 I'm with Doyon Limited, Alaska Native Regional Corporation

1 headquartered here in Fairbanks. Thank you for this
2 opportunity to comment and, after reviewing part of the draft,
3 you guys have done quite an extensive study on this -- on this
4 project, especially just to evaluate a proposal submitted by
5 ConocoPhillips, which is called or entitled Alternative A and
6 Doyon Limited supports that alternative for the following
7 reasons:

8 Congress designated the NPR-A for the production of
9 energy resources that will enhance our nation's energy and
10 economic security. Three of the five outlined satellites are
11 within the NPR-A. Employment associated with the development
12 proposed by ConocoPhillips of these satellites is expected to
13 peak at 550 jobs during construction and generate nearly
14 600 million in tax revenues for the State of Alaska and the
15 federal government. Alternative A provides a balance, we feel
16 it does, between the environmental concerns being the respect
17 for the Arctic wildlife in the sensitive habitat areas with the
18 economic risks which the industry has to address as well as
19 Alaska has to address if it's to compete worldwide for the
20 investment capital necessary to develop its energy resources.

21 Like ConocoPhillips, the Doyon subsidiaries working in
22 the oil patch are Doyon Drilling and Doyon Universal Services,
23 have a zero tolerance for spills, unsafe behavior, and any
24 activity that harasses or impacts the local residents' way of
25 life. While oil development within the three-mile Fish Creek

1 set-back has been raised as an issue for concern, Doyon Limited
2 supports Alternative A because the development footprint
3 proposed by ConocoPhillips ensures that an adequate buffer is
4 maintained to protect the sensitive Fish Creek area. Thank you
5 for this opportunity.

6 MR. DUCKER: Thank you. Lucy Beach?

7 MS. BEACH: Hi. My name is Lucy Beach. I'm
8 representing myself. I wish I had a new hat to wear. I must
9 say that I'm skeptical about the lack of impact. I question
10 how the continual and constant encroachment cannot have an
11 impact. In the past, there were at least 1,900 planes coming
12 and going within 45 days. And I also wonder about the effect
13 to the air quality.

14 I question the lack of impact to the subsistence
15 lifestyle and I especially question the long-term and permanent
16 impact of the people from Nuiqsut. I would hope that there
17 would be an improvement of proper respect shown to those people
18 that live there and have lived there. And it's not that I
19 would want to deny anybody a job. Billions of dollars have
20 come into this state. I would like to see us develop some
21 long-term sustainable industry. I feel the path we are
22 currently on is one of tunnel vision.

23 Where was it that it was said that without a vision, my
24 people will perish. Mahsic hoo.

25 MR. DUCKER: Thank you. The next speaker is Terry

1 Wornath.

2 MR. WORNATH: Hi. I'm Terry Warnath. I own a small
3 manufacturing company in Fairbanks called Equipment Source and
4 we build portable heaters for the oilfield. One of the biggest
5 problems that a small business like mine has is the ability to
6 forecast out in the future in a project like this. And I
7 support Alternative A. It gives us some stability; that we can
8 look out for three or four years and we can base our investment
9 and employ more people on knowns that are coming out as far as
10 product that we're going to be able to produce and sell. And
11 I'm also in support of it because I have a daughter who is
12 graduating from the university here in Fairbanks with a degree
13 in business, and we need a strong economy if she's going to be
14 able to get a good job and stay here and -- and she was born
15 and raised here and I think she should have the ability to stay
16 here and make a good living. Thank you.

17 MR. DUCKER: Thank you. The next speaker is Jennifer
18 Flower.

19 MS. FLOWER: My name is Jennifer Flower. I'm the
20 public affairs assistant for the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of
21 Commerce, and I'm here speaking on their behalf tonight. The
22 Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce supports Alternative A as
23 presented in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement by the
24 Bureau of Land Management for the future development of
25 satellite oilfields on the Western North Slope of Alaska.

1 Chamber represents over 750 businesses in the Interior
2 with a diverse membership, including nonprofit, civic, and
3 social service organizations, labor unions, as well as large
4 and small businesses. Historically, the Interior has been a
5 significant partner on the North Slope and we expect that to
6 continue.

7 The 1999 study by the McDonald Group, "Information
8 Insights," indicated that the oil industry accounted for almost
9 20 percent of the employment in the Fairbanks North Star
10 Borough, 10 million dollars of local government tax revenues,
11 and a total economic impact both indirect and direct of 250
12 million dollars. The Alpine Satellite Development Plan is
13 estimated to require approximately 2.7 million manhours of work
14 and the associated government - state and federal - tax
15 revenues generated are expected to be in excess of 600 million
16 dollars.

17 Local contractors and workers have impressive safety
18 and environmental records and provide valuable services that
19 will play a role in the project's development. The Chamber has
20 reviewed Alternative A and believes that it balances
21 environmental and sensitive habitat concerns with the project's
22 economics. The development impacts less than three-tenths of
23 one percent of the total plan area being considered by BLM.
24 While development within the three-mile set-back for Fish Creek
25 has caused some concern, we think it can be accomplished

1 carefully to protect important environment and wildlife
2 habitat, particularly as facilities would maintain a
3 substantial set-back under Alternative A.

4 In our view, addressing environmental and habitat
5 concerns on a site-specific basis rather than an outright
6 prohibition will allow for the appropriate safeguards and not
7 unduly hinder the economic viability of this project. The
8 North Slope of Alaska has tremendous energy resources, but the
9 costs and risks associated with developing them are high,
10 particularly in comparison to other petroleum basins that
11 Alaska competes against for investment.

12 We urge the BLM to allow for a development approach
13 that allows for the protection of important resources without
14 hindering its commercial viability. In our view, Alternative A
15 does that. Thank you for your consideration, signed Margaret
16 Russell, board chair, Dan Britton, natural resources committee
17 chair, and Kara Moriarty, president and CEO.

18 MR. DUCKER: Thank you very much. Chris Johansen.

19 MR. JOHANSEN: Good evening. My name is Chris
20 Johansen. I'm a professional engineer residing here in
21 Fairbanks. I have lived in Alaska for over 49 years and have a
22 vested interest in seeing that the state is developed in an
23 environmentally sound manner. I have two children. For
24 economic reasons, I'd like to see a viable economy up here so
25 they can grow up and go to school here and plan on living here

1 and I also want to see them grow up in the kind of state that I
2 grew up in, which was a lot of open space, not totally
3 developed, not a lot of pollution, and I think that's going to
4 happen with this development.

5 I strongly support Alternative A as proposed in the
6 Draft EIS. With the exception of the "do nothing" alternative,
7 the other alternatives add significant expense with little or
8 no added value to the region. Alternative A, as reflected in
9 the Draft EIS documents represents the best possible use of
10 this energy resource. Three of the satellites are in National
11 Petroleum Reserve and, as everybody knows, it was mandated by
12 Congress for the development of our nation's energy resource.
13 ConocoPhillips was awarded leases to develop this area and has
14 spent countless, thousands of manhours and millions of dollars
15 studying how to develop the resource in an environmentally
16 sound manner through an economically sound project.
17 Alternative A is that environmentally and economically sound
18 project.

19 ConocoPhillips has an outstanding environmental --
20 environmental record - I keep stumbling on that big word, maybe
21 that's why I'm an engineer - on the North Slope and I would
22 certainly expect the Alpine satellite project to continue on
23 with their success as a leader in this important arena. As an
24 environmentalist, I am opposed to the development of satellite
25 drill sites without year-round ground access. The other

1 alternatives seem to want to get rid of the other access. I
2 believe it's important for a number of reasons. The biggest
3 risk is from an environmental catastrophe because there might
4 be a lack of ground accessibility for inspection, spill
5 response, and continual environmental management. Thank you.

6 MR. DUCKER: Thank you. Mr. Randall Frank.

7 MR. RANDALL FRANK: Hi, I'm Randall Frank. Most people
8 know me as Randy. I have a cold, too, so my voice is sort of
9 messed up here, but tonight I'd like to speak in favor of
10 Alternative A. And I just want to remind people that NPR does
11 not stand for National Public Radio; it stands for National
12 Petroleum Reserve as opposed to ANWR, which is a wildlife
13 reserve.

14 I am a member of the Fairbanks North Star Borough. I'm
15 a member of the resource -- the BLM Resource Advisory Council.
16 I'm a retired member of the Local 302 Operators Union. I'm an
17 active member of the Teamsters Local 959 where I work out of
18 for Sourdough Fuel now, but mostly I want to speak tonight as a
19 56-year resident of Alaska and a voting citizen of Fairbanks.

20 I think this is a good alternative. I think it was
21 mentioned a little while ago that this is an industry that is
22 watched sort of like a hawk because not only are the oil
23 industry people watched, the environmental groups are
24 constantly up there looking at what the oil industry is doing
25 and it's been, I think, a change of -- from night to day since

1 the beginning of the development of the North Slope as to how
2 the industry treats the ground, the air, the wildlife, even the
3 humans up there. I think they have turned around completely
4 and this is a good attitude to have.

5 I know just from my own experience, I work in the --
6 in the heating oil distributing business and we have to report
7 very, very small quantities of any oil spilled and I know that
8 the same criteria for that kind of spilling goes on up on the
9 Slope. And I can't reiterate -- reiterate more the thinking
10 that if we spend a lot of money on fighting this one way or the
11 other, there is going to be less money for development, actual
12 development, and we have to compete economically in this kind
13 of business with every other country in the world and I think
14 there are few other countries that are as environmentally
15 sensitive as we are. Thank you.

16 MR. DUCKER: Thank you. The next speaker is Dale D.
17 Riley.

18 MR. RILEY: My name is Dale Riley. I'm from Minto,
19 Alaska and I support Alternative A. I'm out of 942. I worked
20 in Prudhoe Bay since 1969. I started with geophysical
21 companies until the -- until now, until Alpine. In all those
22 years I don't see no environmental disaster or anything that --
23 we did anything wrong to the country. And I think the oil
24 companies are aware -- I mean they're getting better. They --
25 they are right on top of it all. Okay. Thanks.

1 MR. DUCKER: Thank you. Garry Hutchinson? Hutchison?

2 MR. HUTCHISON: Good evening. My name is Garry
3 Hutchison. I'm a resident of Fairbanks, a member of the
4 business community. I also serve as a public official for our
5 local government. I'd like to encourage BLM to do what it can
6 do to help with the development of this oil reserve; certainly
7 a bright spot on the horizon when we hear of oil companies
8 looking to explore and looking to develop and find new oil.
9 The declining oil production in this state causes many of the
10 problems that we see developing toward a crisis today, a crisis
11 that affects public institutions, public services, and
12 certainly endangers the future of Alaska.

13 We all have children. We want them to live here. We
14 want them to have jobs. We want them to experience the growth
15 and the prosperity that our generation experienced here in
16 Alaska, and that won't occur unless we have a vibrant oil
17 industry.

18 So I'm here to support ConocoPhillips in Alternative A.
19 That company has -- and its predecessors have a wonderful track
20 record and they've brought great development to the State of
21 Alaska and I'm confident that they will continue to do that.
22 The Alternative A seems to be an efficient appro- -- or
23 alternative. It also seems to have minimal impact to the
24 environment. So to encourage the selection of that, it's
25 important for the future of Alaska and we wish them well.

1 Thank you.

2 MR. DUCKER: Thank you. Our next speaker is Jeanine
3 St. John.

4 MS. ST. JOHN: Good evening. My name is Jeanine
5 St. John and I'm vice president with Lynden Logistics, and I
6 also serve as the secretary for the board of directors for the
7 Alaska Support Industry Alliance, which is the organization I'm
8 here to represent tonight.

9 The Alliance was founded in 1979 as a statewide not-
10 for-profit trade association whose membership consists of over
11 400 companies, suppliers, and individuals that provide products
12 and services in support of Alaska's oil and gas industry. The
13 employee-base represented by Alliance members is about 25,000
14 people, many of which are here tonight. Alliance contractors
15 and suppliers are committed advocates for responsible and
16 environmentally sound development of Alaska's oil and gas
17 resources.

18 On behalf of the Alliance and speaking on behalf of the
19 board of directors, we support Alternative A of the Alpine
20 Satellite Draft EIS. A couple of points that we would make are
21 about the fact that three of those satellites are in the NPR-A
22 which is clearly designated by Congress for energy resource
23 development. The boost to employment is vital to our
24 membership. The revenue that's generated from this type of
25 development is critical to the State of Alaska.

1 I'd also like to represent the fact that I am with
2 Lynden and Lynden and other Alliance companies all operate in a
3 manner that's safe and sensitive to the care for our state and
4 our way of life, and we recognize that we have a license to
5 operate. As ConocoPhillips does, as Anadarco does, and many of
6 the others in this room, we support responsible, safe
7 development.

8 Alternative A represents a balance of concern for the
9 environment, sensitive to and respect for the environment,
10 habitat, and the way of life for area residents, all balanced
11 with economic development goals. One thing I'd also like to
12 add as a personal note: I, too, am a parent like many of the
13 others that have testified tonight. I have a son who is in
14 college now and he's studying to be an instrument tech. He's
15 been an intern on the Slope. He hopes at some point to have a
16 good job working in this industry. We fully support that as
17 parents. If we hadn't -- if we had given it a lot of thought,
18 we might have discouraged that because of the decline in the
19 oil business, but this is the type of thing that we like to see
20 and we're proud of the oil industry and how they've done a good
21 job on the North Slope. So we encourage him to do that.

22 So, anyway, the Alliance, Lynden, and myself, we all
23 support Alternative A. Thank you very much.

24 MR. DUCKER: Thank you. Our next speaker is Howard
25 Maillard.

1 MR. MAILLARD: My name is Howard Maillard. I'm a
2 member of Laborers Local 942. I'm also a Doyon shareholder,
3 and I am in favor of Alternative A for myself, my family, my
4 brothers and sisters in the local, and I believe it's good for
5 our town. Thank you.

6 MR. DUCKER: Thank you very much. Franz Mueter?

7 MR. MUETER: Thank you. My name is Franz Mueter. I've
8 lived here in Fairbanks for 16 years and I'm -- tonight I'm
9 speaking on behalf of the Northern -- Northern Alaska
10 Environmental Center.

11 First, we'd like to thank you for the opportunity to
12 provide these comments here, and I have a copy of the letter.
13 I'm providing these comments -- comments, like I said, on
14 behalf of the Northern Alaska Environmental Center, which, as
15 you know, is deeply concerned about the management of federal
16 and state lands in the Arctic. Currently, BLM is conducting
17 decision-making processes regarding the Northwest planning area
18 of the National Petroleum Reserve, revising the EIS of NPR-A's
19 Northeast planning area, and soliciting comments on the Alpine
20 Satellite Development Plan DEIS.

21 Although BLM is pursuing each effort independently, the
22 long-term implications of these decisions will lead to
23 cumulative impacts on the region that cannot be separated from
24 each other. The recognition that life systems throughout the
25 Arctic are interdependent is one of the cornerstones of BLM's

1 new North Slope Science Initiative. It is unrealistic to treat
2 each of these areas as their own ecological unit while failing
3 to consider the integrity of the region as a whole.

4 Secretary of the Interior, Gale Norton, often refers to
5 the Alpine oil development along the Colville River as being an
6 environmental model that the low impact developments can have
7 on the North Slope. However, Alternatives A, B, and C, all
8 propose permanent structures that will not have to be removed
9 at the end of the life of the oilfields. Alternatives A and C
10 are the most damaging and include ConocoPhillips' proposal of
11 five satellite pads: two in the Colville Delta, three in NPR-A
12 extending west with 20 to 30 wells on each pad. These
13 alternatives include new power lines, pipelines, airstrips,
14 gravel roads, and a bridge across the Nigliq Channel. Although
15 local area residents will be permitted to use industry's roads,
16 industrial development of this scale will forever alter the
17 subsistence lifestyle of villages in the area and, most
18 notably, the Village of Nuiqsut.

19 A thorough analysis of the cost benefits of Alpine oil
20 development on subsistence lifestyles should be conducted. It
21 is not enough to simply account for financial benefits that
22 might result from increased oil production. Such analysis must
23 also consider the nonmarket values of natural resources,
24 including wildlife on which subsistence lifestyles are
25 dependent.

1 In addition, cumulative impacts on the health and
2 welfare of impacted village residents should be addressed. The
3 DEIS does not examine any aspect of human health, nor does it
4 analyze the health concerns raised by the residents of Nuiqsut.
5 The oil development plan will stretch across an 890,000-acre
6 area of wild land. The plan would allow ConocoPhillips to
7 build a development facility in the 1998 BLM-designated no-
8 surface development area along Fish Creek, a very sensitive
9 fish and wildlife area. The plan could ultimately allow oil
10 production facilities to be built in the Teshekpuk Lake special
11 area. This is an area that Congress directed the BLM to
12 establish in order to protect its phenomenal wildlife values,
13 an area protected under the 1998 Northeast NPR-A plan. This
14 area provides critical habitat for goose molting and caribou
15 calving, among many other things.

16 We believe that the alternatives do not adequately
17 address the human and wildlife implications of oil development
18 and development in the Alpine Satellite Development area. We
19 strongly urge the BLM to incorporate our concerns into the
20 development of the Final EIS. Thanks again for the opportunity
21 to comment.

22 MR. DUCKER: Thank you very much. Don Shannon?

23 MR. SHANNON: Good evening. First of all, I'm in
24 support of Alternative A. I'm a 30-year resident of Fairbanks.
25 I'm in the construction industry as a laborer with 942. I

1 believe the oil companies have demonstrated throughout the
2 years that they are good stewards of the land in the methods
3 they use. I believe the project would be good for Fairbanks,
4 it would be good for Alaska, it would be good for the country,
5 and getting this moving on and start the work would also help
6 George W. with his two million plus jobs by the end of the
7 year. So, thank you.

8 MR. DUCKER: Thank you. This evening's next speaker is
9 Nick Turenne?

10 MR. TURENNE: Hello. My name is Nick Turenne. Excuse
11 my appearance. I support proposition A. I wasn't going to say
12 much, but the lady mentioned she was concerned about air
13 quality. I grew up in L.A. and there's bad air quality, but we
14 have organizations that try and improve on our air quality,
15 EPA. Without development, we're never going to make progress
16 on our environment because we -- when we need factories, we
17 need to also develop them for clean air.

18 Her concerns won't be addressed without further
19 development, is what I'm trying to say. If she's worried about
20 clean air, then we have the free bus. But I support
21 proposition A. I don't think that it will hurt subsistence. I
22 never saw anyone up there that's working on the oilfields
23 picking berries or shooting bears or destroying the
24 environment. It's quite a opposite. There's more protection
25 installed. So you have to weigh the arguments, but I think

1 working together and -- for this development is the best for
2 everyone, not just this community and this state, but the
3 country. And saying there might be bad air and not also
4 admitting that there are very educated people who work on these
5 problems to make it better so we can produce and have a good
6 environment is kind of shortchanging this. So, thank you.

7 MR. DUCKER: Thank you. Brian Mahar -- Maher?

8 MR. MAHER: Yes. I'm a member of the 942 in North
9 America. I've worked in Prudhoe Bay for quite some time. I'd
10 like to thank you for the opportunity to speak.

11 I'm in favor of Alternative A, but just, you know, a
12 few things I just want to mention. They go up there and build
13 those pads and put buildings in. I've always been in favor
14 when kids go to school and college - I call them kids - it's
15 nice to see them go up there and keep the -- in the summertime,
16 we used to call them "stick-pickers" and just to keep the place
17 clean. It'd be nice to bring in college students in the
18 summertime and let them tidy up the field.

19 I'd like to thank the oil companies. They've been
20 really good about keeping it clean, but it's just something I
21 had -- you know, I just wanted to mention that, and do our best
22 to help support people that want to get an education. And, of
23 course, I think the most important thing is to hire people that
24 live in the north area first and ask them how they feel about
25 it. And, of course, education is real important to them. But

1 I just wanted to take that opportunity and, oh, there's one
2 other thing and I know I'm not supposed to mention it. I'm in
3 favor of a gas line. I'd like to see you guys get busy working
4 and let's put that thing all the way through Canada and into
5 the States, but that would be plenty of work.

6 In the meantime, back to the main issue, you know, I
7 drove my pickup up there last summer and I like picking up
8 trash and I got the trashbags from the recycle company and
9 everybody's been real good to me. But if we can keep it clean,
10 keep it nice, that would be great. Have a good evening, folks.
11 Thank you.

12 MR. DUCKER: Thank you. Ersing [sic] Anderson, but
13 maybe you could pronounce your name better than I just did.

14 MR. ANDERSON: Hi. My name is Erving Anderson and I've
15 lived here for 46 years. I've been in the oil industry since
16 1976 and I support proposal A. I believe that the oilfields
17 have done a good job up in Prudhoe Bay and all the other fields
18 up there. I think the oilfields are some of the cleanest in
19 Alaska, if not the world. And I believe we need to preserve
20 and protect the integrity of the TransAlaska Pipeline and I
21 think we can do this by keeping oil flowing through it. And so
22 I do support proposal A. Thanks.

23 MR. DUCKER: Thank you. And our last speaker on our
24 list here is Buzz Otis.

25 MR. OTIS: Good evening. My name is Buzz Otis, and my

1 address is Box 72441, Fairbanks, Alaska. And I'm here tonight
2 representing myself, but also as chairman of the Fairbanks
3 Economic Development Corporation and I'm very supportive of
4 Alternative A.

5 I think that the oil industry has done a remarkable job
6 protecting the environment on the North Slope. They've touched
7 just about everybody's lives in the State of Alaska. We
8 wouldn't have a Permanent Fund if it wasn't for the oil
9 industry. Probably most of us in this room wouldn't be here if
10 it wasn't for the oil industry. I think that the environmental
11 standards and the safety standards that they set on the North
12 Slope are world class. And, you know, I think if we want to
13 pick on the oil industry, we ought to find some other countries
14 to do it in besides the North Slope of Alaska because they are
15 setting the highest standards in the world, I believe, up
16 there.

17 When we talk about how it affects us, I mean the
18 schools are funded, our capital projects are funded; 85 percent
19 of the funding in this state comes from the oil industry. And
20 we've got a pipeline that's half empty and we need to get it
21 more full and the only way you do that is by doing
22 conscientious, good development like the industry has done over
23 the years and will continue to do if we don't continue to throw
24 the roadblocks in their way and permit them to death and take
25 years to do what common sense would tell you should be done.

1 C E R T I F I C A T E

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3 STATE OF ALASKA)

4 I, Elizabeth D'Amour, Notary Public in and for the
5 State of Alaska, residing at Fairbanks, Alaska, and court
6 reporter for Liz D'Amour & Associates, Inc., do hereby certify:

7 That the annexed and foregoing ALPINE SATELLITE
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9 MEETING PROCEEDINGS was taken before me on the 18th day of
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13 That this hearing, as heretofore annexed, is a true and
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20 That I am not a relative or employee or attorney or
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