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Dear Mr. Cribley, Ms. Cobbs and Ms. McIntosh:

In recent discussion with BLM representatives it was learned that the Regional Mitigation Strategy (RMS) Nuiqsut community meeting, postponed from the originally scheduled date of April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 has been tentatively rescheduled for some point on or near April 18, 2016.

The Native Village of Nuiqsut would like to point out that Kuukpik Corporation dividends are issued in early April, and as result, a community meeting scheduled for this date would be very poorly attended. To maximize public participation by our local community in this RMS process, the community most impacted by the GMT1, GMT2 and subsequent oil and gas development projects within the Northeast NPR-A, the Native Village of Nuiqsut formally requests that the Nuiqsut community RMS meeting be held either prior to April 1, or after April 30, 2016.

Also, it has come to the attention of NVN that only BLM representatives will attend the RMS community meeting in Nuiqsut, and that the information presented at RMS Workshop #3 in Fairbanks by Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Sullivan and Ms. Hartmann of Argonne National Laboratories (ANL) would not be provided at the RMS community meeting in Nuiqsut. The Native Village of Nuiqsut formally requests that these ANL representatives also be in attendance at the Nuiqsut community meeting to provide the same information presented to the audience in Fairbanks. The audience in Fairbanks represented regional and national interests, yet the community most impacted by decisions made in the RMS process is the community of Nuiqsut; so we feel it is only fair that our community's citizens have the same access to the same information presented to regional and national interests in Fairbanks so that they can base their input during this process on maximum available information.

Respectfully,

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President  
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