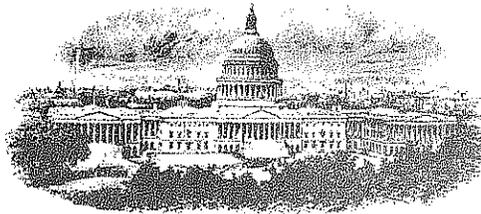


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Brigadier General Mark W. Yenter
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Dear Brigadier General Yenter

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter, I appreciate your service to our country. Throughout all my years of Congressional service, I've been grateful for the work of the Corps, particularly in Alaska. I'm convinced that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is an agency committed to building, improving, and developing. It is one of the few agencies in the federal government with the vision and motivation to get things done.

So it is with great displeasure for me to have to write you on this occasion. The Alaska District was dead wrong to reject Conoco Phillips' CD-5 Alpine Satellite Development (CD-5) permit application, and I urge you to overturn this decision. I sustain the appeal filed by Conoco Phillips and ask for your support in this. The CD-5 project is supported by the AK Congressional Delegation, Gov. Parnell, the 13 Regional Alaska Native Corporations, North Slope Borough, Kuukpik Corporation, and affected communities.

In addition to the unified support behind this project, I wish to draw attention to the news release that was put out by AK District on February 5, 2010 which I've enclosed. It states "the [Coleville River Delta] serves as habitat for approximately 80 species of birds, numerous fish, migrating caribou, and is within the subsistence hunting and fishing areas of the village of Nuiqsut." Not only does that statement read like it was written by an extreme environmental group, it does not mention the letters of support for CD-5 by the Kuukpik Corporation, the City of Nuiqsut, and the Native Village of Nuiqsut. Additionally, a letter from Alaska Region NMFS from June 12, 2009 to then Col. Wilson states, "NMFS . . . has no objections to this project. Further Essential Fish Habitat consultation is not necessary."

I am concerned that the environmental community and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) placed undue pressure on the District Engineer. The decision to reject the permit application appears to be a political decision. The Corps claimed in the ROD & Permit Evaluation that it identified preferred alternatives that would not

require a bridge and road system, including using a Horizontally Drilled Directional (HDD) pipeline. Use of an HDD was supported by the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the EPA. The FWS, EPA, and the environmental community are not concerned with recovering natural resources for the good of Alaska and this nation. They are concerned with delaying, with the hope of stopping all new development in Alaska.

How can the Corps agree with such a farce? The idea that a buried pipeline that is impossible to visibly inspect, underneath a major river is environmentally safer than a line above the ground is incredulous. This project has been studied extensively over the last decade and measures have been taken to mitigate environmental impacts. I urge you to correct the wrong that has occurred; support the appeal by Conoco Phillips and overturn the District Engineer's decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Young". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. Below the signature, the name "DON YOUNG" is printed in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by the text "Congressman for all Alaska" in a smaller, regular sans-serif font.

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