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RE: Cook Inlet LNG Export Extension

The Alaska Miners Association supports extension of exports of liquid natural gas from Cook Inlet.

The Alaska Miners Association is a non-profit membership organization established in 1939 to represent the mining industry. The AMA is composed of more than 1000 individual prospectors, geologists and engineers, vendors, suction dredge miners, small family mines, junior mining companies, and major mining companies. Our members look for and produce base metals, precious metals, limestone, sand and gravel, etc. Our members live and work throughout the state.

The extension of Cook Inlet LNG exports is important to the economy of Alaska. Alaska in general, and South Central Alaska in particular, has very limited industry. The export of LNG is one of the few areas where industry already is already capitalized and is already proven to be viable. The LNG industry and its related service companies are important for other businesses in the state. The existence of this industry means that the suppliers of products and services are economically stronger and can provide better for all other industries, including mining.

The extension of Cook Inlet LNG exports is also important to ensure adequate demand for natural gas so the gas producers will take the risk to explore for new natural gas reserves. Without this market for LNG, gas producers will be less likely to explore and the result will be higher gas prices for all gas consumers in South Central Alaska. Less gas will result in higher costs for all gas customers, including mining and residential customers.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Borell, P.E.  
Executive Director

Cc: Senator Ted Stevens  
Senator Lisa Murkowski  
Congressman Don Young  
Governor Sarah Palin

