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Mr. Santa Claus
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Re: Docket Number: R-24-002
Carbon Storage Facility Regulations
Class VI Primacy Application

Dear Mr. Claus:

Thank you for submitting your comments to the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC) in response to the Notice of Public Scoping and Notice of Public Hearing (Notice). The hearing was held on November 7, 2024. As was stated in the Notice, AOGCC is intending to apply for Class VI primary enforcement authority (Primacy) from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a new well Class within the Underground Injection Control (UIC) program, and to engage with surface and subsurface landowners, industry, and other interested or affected stakeholders for their ideas and suggestions before the AOGCC undertakes the task of drafting any specific proposed regulations for public review.

AOGCC is now developing draft regulations for carbon storage and Class VI wells in Alaska. When ready, these proposed regulations will be noticed for public comment and public hearing. We encourage you to continue to engage with AOGCC throughout this regulation development process.

AOGCC's responses to your comments are below:

AOGCC acknowledges your comments relating to Governor Dunleavy. AOGCC's Class VI Primacy application will not specifically address your comments relating to "current climate catastrophe" or "earn the state hundreds of millions of dollars" or permit "carbon capture" or determine "carbon neutrality". It will be up to prospective storage operators to evaluate their project for economics, which may include or exclude any carbon credits or carbon offsets. AOGCC has no comment on "S-Corp tax loophole" or on "reduced per-barrel subsidy" or "tax offsets" or "jobs" or "oil and gas subsidies" or comparisons to renewable energy generation or other potential legislation.

Sincerely,

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