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Mr. Steve Schmitz (via email)

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

Dear Mr. Schmitz:

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 response to your comment is below:

AOGCC appreciates your interest in carbon storage and agrees with your comments that Alaska's North Slope, with its current and future oil and gas exploration and development, is a "good place to start" for investigating carbon storage and carbon capture opportunities. AOGCC agrees that utilizing captured CO₂ to enhance recovery of oil and gas is similar to injecting MI (miscible injectant) and of benefit to the State.

Sincerely,

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