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Subject: Request for Consideration of a Publicly Owned Community Bulk Fuel Tank Farm in Aniak

We are writing on behalf of the City of Aniak. It has come to our attention that EPA funding has become available to improve fuel storage facilities in rural communities throughout the state.

We request that you consider developing a tank farm here in Aniak that would be publicly owned and managed by our city. A public fuel storage facility would serve our rural community in many more ways than a private ownership upgrade (Aniak Light & Power).

Presently, the city's fuel tank storage situation is less than optimal. The city cannot store a year's worth of fuel at once. We rely on old tanks that are past their safe operational lifespan, having only a limited capacity of ~~7,500~~ 10,000 gallons, which would include tanks attached to buildings we utilize or maintain.

One of the most notable difficulties of rural living is the cost of fuel. Not only does it impact on the price of our groceries but, at over \$9/gal for gasoline, it negatively influences how frequently and how far we can travel throughout southwest Alaska.

With the city operating a bulk fuel storage facility, tank space could be leased to different entities in town. This would allow them to purchase and store bulk fuel year-round at a much cheaper rate. Currently, fuel can only be purchased from the Crowley gas station. A public investment such as this would positively affect the entire community with benefits across the board.

A new facility would ensure the safe and environmentally conscious storage of fuel in our community for many years to come. This would upgrade our community in a remarkable way benefiting not just the function of the city's endeavors but also the community as a whole.

We would love to speak further regarding this matter and are grateful for the opportunity for a critical community upgrade such as this.

Respectfully,

Mayor David Bonanno
and the City of Aniak City Council