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United States Department of Energy

Re: energy funding opportunity DE-FOA-0003473 Topic Area 1

To Whom It May Concern:

The Alaska Miners Association (AMA) writes to express support for the Terra Energy Center (TEC) project, which is seeking funding through the U.S. Department of Energy's funding opportunity DE-FOA-0003473 Topic Area 1 for a new coal plant with CCS technology.

AMA is a professional membership trade organization established in 1939 to represent the mining industry in Alaska. AMA's more than 1,400 members come from eight statewide branches: Anchorage, Denali, Fairbanks, Haines, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan/Prince of Wales, and Nome. Alaska's miners are individual prospectors, geologists, engineers, suction dredge miners, small family mines, junior mining companies, major mining companies, Alaska Native Corporations, and the contracting sector that supports Alaska's mining industry.

The availability of reliable energy from the TEC coal powered / bio-mass plant will provide an ideal environment for not only attracting new mining investment but will drive job creation and strengthen national security with access to the vast critical minerals available.

The TEC project also represents a transformational opportunity for Alaska by leveraging advanced carbon capture and storage (CCS) technology and establishing a foundation for future industrial development in this critical mineral area of Alaska.

Remote Alaska needs and deserves reliable energy, and AMA wholeheartedly and the Terra Energy Center project.

Sincerely,

Deantha Skibinski
Executive Director