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Dear Mr. Strakey:

The State of Alaska has reviewed the draft Environmental Impact Statement concerning the proposed Healy Clean Coal Project. This letter contains the consolidated comments of the State's resource agencies.

The State strongly supports the Healy Clean Coal project which is intended to demonstrate the integration of advanced combustion and gas flue cleanup technologies. The project planners and authors of the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) should be commended for the thorough analyses and paucity of unresolved technical concerns. It is apparent that a high degree of cooperation exists among the primary proponents and the technical reviewers on this project.

State resource agencies concur with the December 18, 1992 letter from the Alaska Energy Authority which concludes that "the environmental impacts described in the DEIS are acceptably low, and are far outweighed by the advantages of the project in terms of economic development and power supply."

At this time we have identified one technical issue that should be modified in the final EIS. The Division of Geologic and Geophysical Surveys within the Alaska Department of Natural Resources has identified the existence of an active fault line

trending in a north-northeast direction through the property that Golden Valley Electric Association intends to purchase in support of this project. Page 3-36 of the DEIS states that the nearest fault is three miles north of the project location site. The Department of Natural Resources has submitted the enclosed documentation concerning this fault which may be used to modify the final EIS.

The Golden Valley Electric Association and the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority have been informed of this new information. They are aware that the State presently does not have any residual liability due to earthquake damage before or after the land sale is complete.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. If you have any questions concerning the fault information provided herein, please feel free to contact Susan Malen of the Department of Natural Resources at 907-451-2700.

Sincerely,



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Director

Enclosures

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