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Public comment...Ordinance 2018-34.

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Subject: Fracking

I am totally totally and vehemently opposed to any and all fracking in Cook Inlet, including Anchor Pt. Hilcorp should be stopped from any and all such development and activity now, and in the future.

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Public comment

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Subject: ORDINANCE 2018-34

Anchor Point Advisory Planning Commission:

Thank you for hosting a community meeting for the purpose of discussing Ordinance 2018-34 and Hilcorp's plans for Anchor Point. Although I don't live in Anchor Point, I do live on the Kenai Peninsula (Ninilchik and Homer) and have firsthand experience with Hilcorp having been offered two leases by them, I worked in Alaska's oil patch for 10 years, as a newspaper reporter for 15 years I wrote multiple articles on O&G activities on the peninsula and in the state, and wrote *Too Close to Home? Living with 'drill, baby' on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula*, a heavily researched/interviewed book on the impacts of the O&G industry on peninsula residents, both positive and negative.

From my background, experience, and what others have shared with me in interviews, I am asking that you take the following into consideration when deciding the impacts Hilcorp's interest in Anchor Point may have.

1. Be certain you understand the lease, what it says as well as what it doesn't say. The first offer I received from Hilcorp was to lease 3+ acres of land in Ninilchik on which my cabin sits. The ways Hilcorp proposed using it were numerous and when I asked how they could possibly do that when I still used the cabin, their response was that they would be "as unobtrusive" as possible. However, would I have signed the lease, it would have literally handed it over to them without regard for me and my family's use of the cabin and land. Two years later, the Hilcorp landman apologized for the lease not being clear and told me all they really wanted at the time was the subsurface rights. That is not at all what the lease said.

2. Find out what Hilcorp's plan is for the entire area before a lease is approved. There are private, state, and borough property owners, and possibly Native-owned land in the area. That makes it difficult to get a clear picture of what the company has in mind. Saying OK to what you think is just one piece may mean opening the door to something you did not intend or foresee. Also, even though you may pass on the lease offer, you should know how their work still may impact you. For instance, while I did not sign a second lease offered by the company, my neighbor sold his 20+ acres to Hilcorp, so I'm faced with the resulting impacts when Hilcorp begins its work (increased traffic, noise, lights, risks to air quality and health, impacts on the wildlife that inhabit the area, etc.).

3. In the course of doing my book, I interviewed a couple who were neighbors to a Hilcorp wellpad near Clam Gulch. When that work started, they found the interruption to their lives so unsettling that they decided to move. However, the value of their property had decreased because of the neighboring well pad, so they had to sell their house/land for less than they had put into it. When I interviewed a Stariski resident who lives next to the

BlueCrest pad, he, at one point, had decided he couldn't tolerate living next to the intense work going on there, and talked to a realtor, only to discover the value of his house/property had dropped \$30,000. When I interviewed a couple out North Fork Road who live near that natural gas pad, they shared how they had met with a realtor and discussed the possibility of moving, but were told that the chances of selling their home for what they put into it were zero. Carefully weigh the possible impacts oil and gas exploration/production may have on the value of property.

4. There are multiple studies of the impacts of living next to natural gas production pads. Following are a few but there are many available on the internet.

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment noted increased cancer risks.

The University of Colorado School of Public Health noted respiratory, neurological and cancer risks.

National Geographic offered a lengthy article on the

subject: <https://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/energy/2014/10/141030-dangerous-chemicals-in-air-near-oil-and-gas-sites-study/>

US News and World Report published this article in

2014: <https://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2014/09/10/respiratory-skin-problems-soar-near-gas-wells-study-says>

Should Hilcorp's operations include fracking, as they have done near Nikolaevsk and Ninilchik, the risks increase.

5. Does Hilcorp have a plan for the natural gas should their exploration be successful? Do they have an agreement with Enstar to use the existing pipeline? The pipeline has a maximum capacity, so what happens when that amount is surpassed? Another pipeline?

6. The Kenai Peninsula and Cook Inlet areas are rife with faults and earthquakes are common. A study done by the U.S. Geological Survey using seismic data collected by the oil and gas industry, resulted in a warning that "oil companies should assess whether pipelines can be compressed as the faults shift. The faults could produce earthquakes large enough to rupture pipelines." Specifically it warned of earthquakes of a magnitude 6.0 or greater. Many of us remember the 7+ earthquake of 2016. It caused Enstar pipelines in Kenai to rupture and four homes were destroyed as a result.

6. Finally, I would ask you to remember that scientists report the temperatures in Alaska are increasing at twice the rate of other states and that the burning of fossil fuels is one of the causes of climate change. Peninsula residents have only to look as far as the spruce bark beetle epidemic which occurred because the insects were able to survive warmer winters. The peninsula is losing valuable salmon habitat because of an increase in invasive plants, the loss of 4 million acres of spruce trees, and a 60% decline in Kenai lowlands water. We are being warned about the impacts ocean acidification will have on our coastal communities, our state parks have lost camping spaces because of erosion and Western Alaska coastal villages are facing relocation because of increased storms due to a changing climate, permafrost is melting, wildlife habitat is being dramatically altered. The list goes on and on. But how long can it continue before, no matter what changes we make, it can no longer be stopped?

Thank you for your efforts to safeguard the peninsula, its natural habitat and the people who call it home. I urge you to take an important and necessary step and think of the future, as well as the present, and say "enough" to big oil on the Kenai Peninsula.

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Broyles, Randi

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Public comment

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Subject: Hilcorp Lease for Anchor Point

To Anchor Point Advisory Planning Commission,

Thank you for hosting a meeting for the purpose of discussing Ordinance 2018-34 and Hilcorp's plans for Anchor Point. I have lived in Homer for 43 years, commercial fished in Cook Inlet and have very grave concerns with Hilcorp's plans to move even closer to us here in Homer and also their move being so close to residential area on the Kenai Peninsula so I would like for you to take all things into serious consideration. Here are my concerns: I would like to know what EXACTLY are Hilcorp's plans for the Entire area as they are known to come in with one proposal and then once they are in, do whatever they want. So saying ok to one piece of their plan may very well be opening the door for a much bigger project. Please study what the impacts would be on this area with increased traffic, noise, impacts on wildlife that inhabit this and surrounding areas. Are the homeowners in the area aware of their intentions and do they realize the devaluation of their land once Hilcorp does step in? What about the health risks to those living nearby? Do we really need more oil production in a time when climate change is affecting our every day life experiences, esp. here in Alaska where scientists are finding that temperatures are decreasing twice as fast from other states. How will this all affect the health of our already dwindling salmon stocks. As a fisherman in Cook Inlet, we have seen the worse years ever these past several years. Do we really need to allow Hilcorp to step in? I say NO. I implore you to think about the future, rather than short term goals. What will be left for our children? Thank you, Deborah Limacher, 66729 Diamond Ridge Rd, Homer, Ak 99603
Sent from [Outlook](#)

Broyles, Randi

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Subject: Ordinance 2018-34

Dear Anchor Point Advisory Planning Commissioners:

I appreciate your holding a community meeting on Ordinance 2018-34 and Hilcorp's plans for Anchor Point. There are many community disruptions and potential human health and safety problems typically associated with oil and gas exploration within populated areas. Consequently it's important that locals be informed and have an opportunity to provide input before local government makes a decision to authorize such activity. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend tonight's meeting but would like to share the following thoughts.

I'm a forty-two year resident of the Anchor Point area. My property is located at the end of Out There Avenue. Looking west from my private access road toward Cook Inlet I can now see two Hilcorp drilling rigs.

Having lived around the oil patch much of my life, I'm familiar with how O&G operations can affect people near its facilities and transportation routes. As Curator of the Pratt Museum's exhibit on the "Exxon Valdez"

oil spill, "Darkened Waters," I learned first hand a great deal about what can go wrong and how devastating the results can be to the people and businesses affected.

Please do your best to learn as much as you can about the objectives, timeline, physical footprint, plan of operations, safeguards and mitigation plans for protecting area residents and businesses. Start with detailed questions about the proposed leases. It is not unusual for misunderstanding of lease terms to work in the interest of oil companies over local government and residents. Read the small print. Then try to learn how and where Hilcorp will transport and market it's product should exploration prove fruitful. How will that advantage local government and the community? What kind of stress will work in the area place on roads and highways, water supplies, waste disposal, the school or other critical infrastructure? Will Hilcorp's activities interfere with neighbors' use and enjoyment of their property? What recourse will residents have in that case? What kind of bonding or liability insurance will Hilcorp provide to cover harms to residents or the environment in case of ongoing pollution, minor or catastrophic accident? Is there a plan for deactivating and cleaning up Hilcorp sites at the end of their usefulness? Who will pay for closing down?

There are other important issues of much broader concern regarding our use of fossil fuels that merit your consideration but I want to focus your attention on the interests, needs, health & safety of Anchor Point area residents and businesses. Please do your best to protect them for now and into the future.

Thanks for your diligence.

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Subject: Hillcorp meeting, Anchor Point

I am a 45 year Anchor Point resident living in Hidden Hills off the North Fork Road. I am writing on behalf of myself and my husband, Nancy and William Wise. We are very concerned about Hillcorp moving operations into Anchor Point, headquartering directly above the Anchor River, a critical salmon habitat.

Have you done environmental studies of the area? This is a very earthquake prone zone.

Fracking is a particular threat to our water tables and sensitive fish spawning grounds.

Will you hold open informative public meetings and be open to resident input?

What natural resources are you targeting and what technologies are you planning on using to attain your goals?

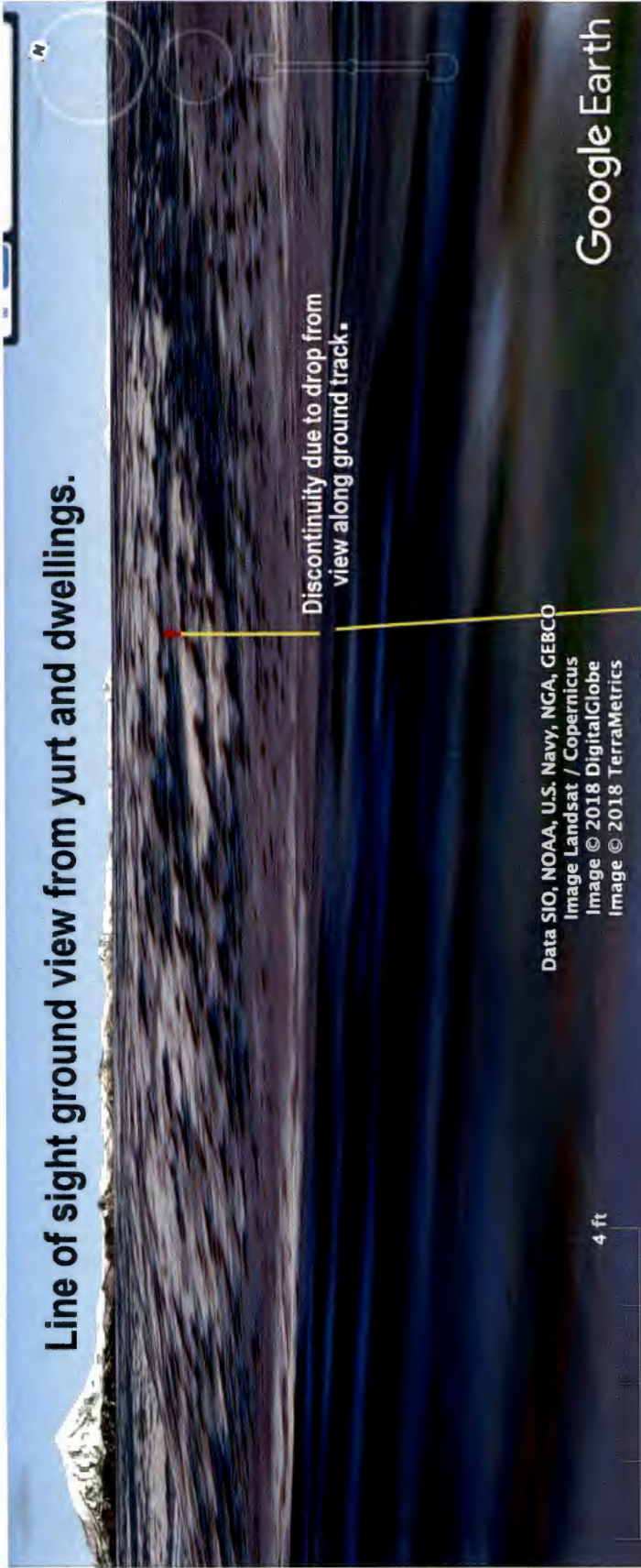
What are your environmental impact mitigation standards?

Do you have plans to explore off the North Fork Road or other outlying areas?

Thank you for your attention

Nancy and William Wise

Line of sight ground view from yurt and dwellings.



Discontinuity due to drop from view along ground track.

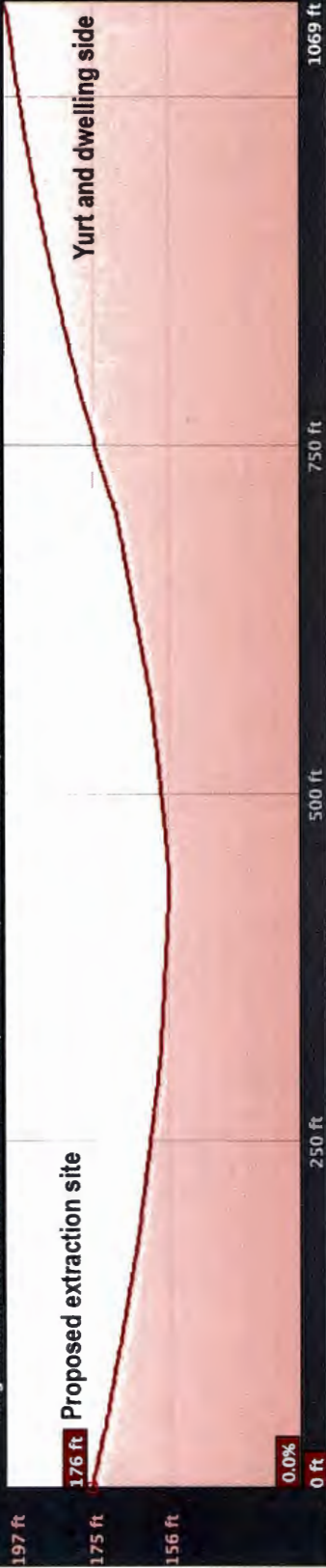
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Google Earth

eye alt 205 ft

Graph: Min, Avg, Max Elevation: 156, 171, 197 ft

Range Totals: Distance: 1069 ft Elev Gain/Loss: 42.9 ft, -21.6 ft Max Slope: 16.9%, -13.1% Avg Slope: 6.5%, -4.5%



Proposed extraction site

Yurt and dwelling side

1996

4 ft

197 ft

175 ft

156 ft

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250 ft

500 ft

750 ft

1069 ft

Broyles, Randi

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Subject: HilCorp meeting tonight in Anchor Point

I wish I could be there in person.! I would ask all of this and more out loud!!

I have questions ... Yes I know HilCorp is who leased all of cook inlet south of the narrows. But honestly we must consider many things here.

If you rent your house do you let the renters make the rules? Do you sign away your rights or tell them NO SMOKING... for instance??

HilCorp leased a huge thing INCLUDING our special, beautiful, incredibly sustaining KENAI PENINSULA..

They can NOT proceed until they follow the RULES we, the OWNERS of this peninsula give them!

What do we all really know about HilCorp? I know they paid every employee, from the receptionist on up to the field workers and boat captains and rig operators etc 150,000.00 Christmas bonus on 12/15/2015. That is a keep your mouth shut bonus, no doubt. Who amongst us works for HilCorp? what are their hiring plans truly?? Who can tell us what they are like? Why don't we INSIST we are in our plans..... tell US instead --what they are intending and where RIGHT NOW for starters!

HilCorp is a corporation owned by a single Billionaire who lives in Texas... Do you think he really cares at all about Alaska???

These are only some of my questions..... I have so many!!! What harm to our environment is happening now??? How often and where and when have they fracked already?? Fracking is standard operating procedure these days... They obviously intend to Frack.... when where and we want to know not only what has occurred but when more is to occur, and where.

Trying to get these answers from HilCorp is difficult at best.

More to follow.

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