

City of Aniak  
**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
Teleconference  
Wednesday, September 03, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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**AGENDA**

Virtual Meeting Information:

*To Participate please call 1-800-315-6338  
Conference Code- 54481#*

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call-** DBonanno- , SCharles- , AFolz- , AMorgan- , CMorgan- , LSeavey- , BWilson- Staff  
Present: LKameroff- , MSimeon- , FVaska-
- III. Old Business**
  - A. Alcohol Sales
- IV. New Business**
  - [A.](#) City of Aniak Letter of Intent
  - [B.](#) Letters of Support for City owned Bulk Fuel Tank Farm
- V. Council Comments**
- VI. Time and Place of Next Meeting-** September 17, 2025 Regular Council Meeting
- VII. Adjourn**

Attested:

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Mayor David W. Bonanno *Signed: Date*

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City Clerk Morgan Simeon *Signed: Date*

August 29, 2025

Alaska Energy Authority  
813 West Northern Lights Blvd.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

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



August 25, 2025

Alaska Energy Authority  
813 West Northern Lights Blvd.  
Anchorage, AK 99503

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

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to urge the Denali Commission and the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) to consider the development of a publicly owned community tank farm in Aniak, rather than directing this investment solely toward a facility owned by a for profit utility such as Aniak Light & Power. The Denali Commission's recent receipt of \$100 million in EPA funding, originally designated for renewables but now redirected toward Bulk Fuel Upgrade (BFU) projects, presents a unique and time sensitive opportunity. With the grant agreement now signed and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) leading this effort in coordination with AEA and AVEC, the three-year clock to construct 10 BFUs has already begun.

It is my understanding that Aniak Light & Power is currently slated to receive a new tank farm under this program. While this may address the utility's fuel needs, it does not meet the broader requirements of the community. For example, the City of Aniak depends on a single 10,000-gallon tank that must be refilled multiple times each year just to keep public facilities running. TKC Fish Wheel, the nonprofit that manages the Arviiq Regional Economic Development and Training Center, operates with four small tanks that require weekly deliveries. These challenges are not unique—other community organizations in Aniak face the same fuel shortages and inefficiencies caused by inadequate infrastructure. This fragmented system is costly, inefficient, and leaves our community vulnerable to supply disruptions.

A stronger, more equitable path forward is for a public entity such as the City of Aniak to receive this funding and assume ownership of the facility. Public ownership would not only allow for long-term leases, such as 50-year agreements, with fuel vendors like Aniak Light & Power, but would also ensure that storage capacity is available for other organizations that serve the hub community. Importantly, this approach keeps critical infrastructure in the hands of a local government that is accountable to residents. It creates a fairer system where decisions are made in the best interest of the entire community, reduces costs through shared access, and ensures that the long-term benefits of this federal investment remain with the people of Aniak—not a single private utility.

Historically, most publicly funded tank farms in Alaska have been owned by local governments for good reason. City ownership offers significant advantages, including:

- Access to discounted insurance rates through the Alaska Municipal League (AML).
- Eligibility for AML's bulk fuel participant savings, which support spill response readiness, renewable energy integration, and replacement funds.
- Ongoing O&M support for day-to-day operations and maintenance.

These benefits not only reduce costs but also strengthen the resilience, safety, and long-term viability of the fuel supply system for the entire community.

Given the once in a generation scale of this funding and the urgency of the timeline, I respectfully request that Denali Commission and AEA update its records for Aniak and fully consider a community owned tank farm model as the preferred option. This approach will ensure that the investment serves all residents equitably, preserves public benefit, and aligns with the long-standing best practices for publicly funded fuel infrastructure in rural Alaska.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your ongoing efforts to improve energy security in our region. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this proposal further and provide any additional information needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrea Gusty', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrea Gusty  
President & CEO  
The Kuskokwim Corporation



# Kuspuk School District

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Section IV, Item B.

Upper Kalskag | Lower Kalskag | Aniak | Crooked Creek | Chuathbaluk | Stony River | Sleetmute

Dear Alaska Energy Authority,

We are writing in support of the City of Aniak's efforts to develop a bulk fuel tank farm. This would be a great way bring together both public and private organizations for the Aniak community as a whole. As an organization committed to sustainable operations in the region, we respectfully request to be considered for a cooperative agreement with the city for 60,000 gallons of storage capacity. This would directly support the district's long-term fuel needs and operational reliability.

Our current 60,000-gallon facility is located within a former White Alice site and falls inside FAA offset zones following the recent runway realignment. These factors have created ongoing challenges with DEC compliance due to contamination concerns and regulatory constraints. A new cooperative fuel farm outside these impacted zones would provide a safer, more sustainable solution for all stakeholders.

We believe our inclusion in the project will strengthen the regional energy infrastructure while also resolving longstanding environmental and logistical issues.

Please let us know how we may formally participate in this process. We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this further and look forward to your guidance on next steps.

Thank you,



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