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To: Eurika Durr/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 10/24/2011 08:22 PM
Subject: unable to submit my comments re: Chuckchi and Beaufort Air
Permits through website

Hello Eurika from Alaska -

I have commented in person and in writing several times regarding the air permits and Lease sale 193 in general.

Your website is not allowing the submission of my PDF doc through the "browse" button, and I must submit this document through you before 8 p.m. Alaska time (in 3 hrs and 45 min from this submission) to ensure that it reaches the EAB regarding final conditions of the permits.

Please allow my comment. I am an Inupiat Eskimo, and have tried to be in the process since I found out about it. Attached is my comment in document form (MS.WORD) and I will also include it below. Please respond that I might know whether the EAB received my final comment regarding the air permits.

As I am unable to technically submit through electronic limitation, I am submitting this document below, and through attachment, for timely submission to the EAB.

Quyanaqqak,
Daniel James Lum

p.s. I am registered on the website to comment but not able to technically accomplish that feat.
Letter:

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Please respond to me. Please address my concerns. I have participated in the entire process with the submission of comments through the EPA and would like some consideration.

Respectfully,
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[attachment "EAB Document.docx" deleted by Eurika Durr/DC/USEPA/US]

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