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The Honorable Joel Hefley  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Readiness  
Committee on Armed Services  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-6035

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Title 10 USC, Section 2811 (as amended by Public Law 105-85), requires that the Secretary concerned shall notify the appropriate committees of Congress when the estimated cost of a repair project exceeds \$7,500,000. On May 5, 2000, notification was made to the committees concerning a repair project for the Central Heating and Power Plant at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, with an estimated cost of \$45,000,000. Conference Report (H.R. 5010 (#107-732)) to the FY03 Defense Appropriations Act (Public Law 107-248) earmarked funds in the amount of \$18,700,000 for Fort Wainwright Central Heating and Power Plant renovation. This letter notifies the committees of an increase in the estimated cost of the repair project to \$65,000,000, using funds available for operation and maintenance.

The Fort Wainwright Central Heating and Power Plant is 56 years old. This facility is the sole source of heating steam for the Fort Wainwright military community. No back-up system exists on post and loss of the plant would require evacuation of the installation. This project involves repair to failed or failing central heat and power plant systems, including boilers, generators, steam turbines, and coal handling equipment. The newly identified work is required because the operational requirements and age of the plant made it impossible to initially determine the total extent of the necessary repairs. The plant could not be shut down to do an extensive field inspection. When the boilers and other critical systems were taken out of service and inspected prior to start of work, it was determined that the extent of repairs needed was far more involved than anticipated during design. The project is consistent with force structure plans, is more cost effective than replacement, and is an appropriate use of operation and maintenance funds.



This project is associated with three Military Construction, Army projects: Coal Car Preheat Facility (Project Number 23547); Emissions Reduction (Bag-house) Facility (Project Number 44383); and Cooling System (Project Number 53735).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph W. Whitaker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "J".

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cc: The Honorable Solomon P. Ortiz  
Ranking Member