



# Arctic Council

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To whom it may concern

**A cooperative project of the Norwegian Polar Institute (NPI) and the Association of Nenets People "Yasavey" - Monitoring of oil development in traditional indigenous lands of the Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Northwestern Russia.**

Indigenous Peoples Secretariat of the Arctic Council strongly supports the abovementioned project due to the fact that there is a big gap in obtaining any kind of data on the Russian side. There are many major initiatives, which indigenous peoples of the Russian Arctic will advance: sustainable development and devolution, revenue and resource sharing. In order to benefit from the proposed and existing pipelines and oil fields the indigenous peoples of the Nenets area would have to adapt, adjust to and accommodate the impacts of development and capture the benefits. This project will help them to do this. Furthermore, it will assist the international environmental assessments to fill the lack of information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alona Yefimenko".

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