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Special Public Notice

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**ISSUE GENERAL PERMIT POA-2014-55
SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE
Placer Mining Activities within the State of Alaska**

The Alaska District, United States (U.S.) Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), in accordance with regulations pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) [Public Law 95-217, 33 U.S.C. 1344 *et. seq.*] has issued General Permit (GP) POA-2014-55, (formerly known as GP POA-2006-1944-M1), authorizing placement of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States (U.S.), including wetlands and streams, associated with mechanical placer mining activities within the State of Alaska.

The GP applies to placer mining operations with up to five (5) acres of wetland disturbance area, and/or stream channel diversions or relocations of up to 1,500 linear feet. The GP, POA-2014-55, will go into effect November 1, 2015.

In accordance with Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act of 1977 and provisions of the Alaska Water Quality Standards, the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has issued a Certificate of Reasonable Assurance, which is attached to the GP.

A copy of the Minimal Effects Evaluation (40 CFR 230.7) is available on our website with this Special Public Notice, and as per request.

What this means for permittees and applicants:

- Permittees whose current permit expires on October 31, 2015, will receive an automatic one year time extension under POA-2006-1944-M1 until October 31, 2016. (33 CFR 330.6 (b))
- New applicants in 2016 will be authorized under the new GP, POA-2014-55.

- Permittees with projects that exceed the limits of the GP will receive a one year time extension until October 31, 2016, to come into compliance with the new GP, POA-2014-55, or apply for an individual permit.

Any questions or requests for additional information should be directed to:
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