

Special Public Notice

US Army Corps of Engineers Alaska District

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Notice of Availability for Final Environmental Impact Statement

SUMMARY: The purpose of this Special Public Notice is twofold. First, to make known to the public that pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District (Corps) Regulatory Office, in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; State of Alaska; and the federally-recognized Tribal governments of Akiak/Kuskokwim River Watershed Council, Knik, Chuathbaluk, Napaimute, Aniak, and Crooked Creek, has completed and made available to the public a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed Donlin Gold Project (Project). The features of the proposed Project requiring Department of the Army (DA) authorization under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (RHA) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) are the construction of an open-pit, hard rock gold mine located 10 miles north of the village of Crooked Creek, Alaska, a 316-mile-long natural gas pipeline, a barge landing port downstream from Crooked Creek at Jungjuk, and a 30-mile-long access road from Jungjuk to the mine site.

Second, comments will be accepted on the applicants updated compensatory mitigation plan included as appendices to the FEIS (appendices J and M). Comments on the compensatory mitigation plan will be accepted through a 30 day review period, beginning April 27, 2018, and ending May 29, 2018. This comment period is intended to provide those interested in or affected by this proposal an opportunity to make their concerns known prior to a decision being made by the Corps. All comments concerning the compensatory mitigation plan should be directed to: Mr. Jamie R. Hyslop, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, CEPOA-RD-Hyslop, P.O. Box 6898, JBER, AK, 99506-0898; via email at: POA.donlingoldeis@usace.army.mil or; (907) 753-2670.

We encourage your input and participation in this environmental process. An electronic version of the FEIS may be accessed on the internet at: www.DonlinGoldEIS.com. A CD copy of the FEIS may be obtained by contacting Mr. Jamie Hyslop in writing at the mailing or e-mail address provided above. In addition, CD copies of the FEIS may be viewed at the following locations: Aniak School Library, Aniak, Alaska; Kuskokwim Consortium Library, Bethel, Alaska; McGrath Community School Library, McGrath, Alaska; Noel Wien Library, Fairbanks, Alaska; Z.J. Loussac Public Library, Anchorage, Alaska; Alaska Resource Library and Information Services, and the University of Alaska, Anchorage Consortium Library, Anchorage, Alaska. Interested parties are invited to provide their comments on the compensatory mitigation plan in writing to the mailing or email address provided above. All comments will become a part of the official record and will be considered in the final decision. Comments must be received by the contact above on or before May 29, 2018.