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Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
Donlin Gold Project

SUMMARY: The Corps is the lead federal agency for this EIS. The Bureau of Land Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; the Alaska Department of Natural Resources; the Aniak/Kuskokwim River Watershed Council; and the federally recognized Tribal governments of Crooked Creek, Chuathbaluk, Knik and Napaimute serve as cooperating agencies in developing the EIS. The Corps is announcing the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Corps' regulations for NEPA implementation (33 Code of Federal Regulation [CFR] par 230 and 325, Appendices B and C), and in accordance with 40 CFR 1506.9. A notice of availability will be published in the Federal Register on November 25, 2015 announcing a five+ months public comment period ending on April 30, 2016. Please submit comments by April 30, 2016.

PROJECT: The Corps prepared this Draft EIS to analyze the impacts of issuing permits for an open pit, hardrock gold mine 10 miles north of the village of Crooked Creek on the Kuskokwim River in southwest Alaska. In addition to the proposed mine, the project would:

- Construct a 315 mile natural gas pipeline from Cook Inlet through the Alaska Range to the mine site;
- Construct a new port at Angyaruaq (Jungjuk) on the Kuskokwim River and a 30-mile access road to the proposed mine site;
- Require expansion of the Bethel Yard Dock and fuel terminals in Dutch Harbor; and
- Supply equipment, cargo and diesel fuel using barges operated on the Kuskokwim River.

The DEIS can be viewed at the following website: <http://www.donlingoldeis.com/>. If you do not have access to a computer, a DVD-based version of the document may be viewed at the following locations:

Quinhagek

Tribal administration office
101 Qanirtuuq Rd
Quinhagek, AK 99655

Crooked Creek

Tribal admin office
101 Main Street
Crooked Creek, AK 99575

McGrath

Tribal Admin office
134 Takotna Avenue
McGrath, AK 99627

Native Village of Hooper Bay

Tribal Admin. Office
Tomaganuk Rd. #2
Hooper Bay, Alaska 99604

Holy Cross

Tribal Admin Office
189 Lower Road
Holy Cross, AK 99602

Kipnuk

Kipnuk Traditional Council Office
101 Council Drive
Kipnuk, AK 99614

Bethel

Tribal Admin Office
117 Alex Hatley Drive
Bethel AK 99559

Aniak

Tribal Admin Office
#1 Community Hall Road
Aniak, AK 99557

Nunapitchuk

Tribal Admin Office
103 Johnsons loop
Nunapitchuk, AK 99641

Akiak

Tribal Admin Office
81 Airport Road
Akiak, AK 99552

Toksook Bay

Tribal Admin Office
101 Deschaut Road
Toksook Bay, AK 99637

Saint Mary's

Tribal Admin Office
200 Paukan Avenue
St Mary, AK 99658

Emmonak

Tribal Admin Office
126 Yukon Way
Emmonak, AK 99518

A printed version of the document may also be viewed at the following public libraries:

Aniak School Library

100 Airport Way
Aniak, AK 99557

Kuskokwim Consortium Library

420 State Highway
Bethel, AK 99559

McGrath School

90 Takotna Avenue
McGrath, AK 99627

Noel Wien Library

1215 Cowles Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Z.J. Loussac Public Library

3600 Denali Street
Anchorage, AK 99503

Alaska Resources Library and Information Services (ARLIS)

3211 Providence Drive
Anchorage, AK 99508

University of Alaska, Anchorage Consortium Library
3211 Providence Drive
Anchorage, AK 99508

Please comment on the DEIS by mail at the address above, or by sending an e-mail to POA.donlingoldeis@usace.army.mil. If you have additional questions or to request a CD copy of the DEIS, please call Keith Gordon at (907) 753-5710 or mail at Keith Gordon, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, CEPOA-RD-Gordon, P.O. Box 6898, JBER, AK, 99506-0898.