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Special Public Notice

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EXTEND GENERAL PERMIT (GP) 2006-1944-M1 FOR ONE YEAR, TO OCTOBER 31, 2015
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 (Public Law 95-217, 33 U.S.C. 1344 *et. seq.*) is extending General Permit (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, for placer mining activities within the State of Alaska, for one year, until October 31, 2015. This GP applies to placer mining operations of ten acres or less of disturbance area, and stream diversions of up to 2,000 linear feet.

General Permit **POA-2006-1944-M1** expires on October 31, 2014. The permit is being extended for one year to maintain continuity of authorization for persons operating under that GP while the Corps is developing a new GP, **POA-2014-55**.

The Corps is anticipating the Special Public Notice containing the revised draft GP POA-2014-55 to be issued during the second week of November with a 45 day comment period.

What this means for permittees and applicants

- Permittees whose permit expires on or before October 31, 2014, will receive a one year automatic time extension under POA-2006-1944-M1, until October 31, 2015. (33 CFR 330.6 (b))
- New applicants in 2015 will be authorized under POA-2006-1944-M1, now expiring October 31, 2015).

For further information, please send email questions to POA.AKPlacerMiningGeneralPerm@usace.army.mil; postal mail inquiries to P.O. Box 6898, 2204 3rd. St., JBER, Alaska, 99506; by fax at (907) 753-5567; or by phone to Leslie W. Tose at (907) 753-5515, Deb McAtee at (907) 474-2166, or toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712. Also, if further information is desired concerning this notice or you would like a paper copy mailed to you.