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General Permit POA-2014-55

On May 8, 2014, the Alaska District, United States (U.S.) Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), issued a Special Public Notice POA-2014-55, proposing to re-issue the General Permit (GP) for Mechanical Placer Mining operations within the state of Alaska, with a 45 day comment period which expired June 24, 2014. The GP is being developed to include information for the Corps to complete jurisdictional determinations, to ensure minimal impacts to the aquatic ecosystem, and to comply with the 2008 Mitigation Rule. Many comments were received requesting extension of the comment period, as well as extension of the current permit while the proposed new permit is being developed.

Department of the Army regulations define the formal comment period for a Public Notice at a maximum of 90 days. An extension to the Public Notice issued in May would now close on August 28, 2014. Additionally, the Corps will issue a second Public Notice containing a revised draft permit in late October, with a minimum 45-day comment period, to accommodate a time frame for the mining community to comment. A decision to reissue or extend the current permit will also be made at that time.

The October Public Notice will include consideration of comments received to date.

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.