

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
FINAL FINDINGS OF FACT AND DECISION  
JONESVILLE COAL EXPLORATION PERMIT APPLICATION**

The State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) has received a request from Ranger Alaska, LLC. (RAL), 110N Rubey Drive, Suite 201, Golden, CO 80403 through their representatives Alaska Earth Sciences Inc, 1075 Check Street, Suite 210, Wasilla Alaska 99654, to review a coal exploration application under 11 AAC 90.163. The Department is issuing a written Findings of Fact and Decision in compliance with the requirements of 11 AAC 90.907(h) and AS 27.21.030 and AS 27.21.100 for a coal exploration application.

The exploration activity is located 2 miles northwest of Sutton in Southcentral Alaska. The proposed activity will occur within Sections 16-21, Township 19 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian.

The Proposed exploration activities will consist of the drilling of up to 45 shallow air rotary boreholes and up to seven medium to deep exploratory coreholes. Up to 2,200 feet of drilling is anticipated for the air rotary drilling and up to 7,250 feet of core drilling. The project proposes to use existing trails and helicopter support wherever possible. All staging and logistics will be done on existing disturbed areas to minimize additional impacts to the area. The application proposes to construct an additional 1,760 feet trail to access the drill sites.

Pursuant to 11 AAC 90.167(b) the Division has determined that a reclamation bond in the amount of \$86,236.08 is sufficient to cover the associated reclamation liability for the proposed activities.

The application complies with the requirements of the Alaska Surface Coal Mining Program (AS 27.21 and 11 AAC 90). All proposed exploration and reclamation activities are consistent with 11 AAC 90.167.

The Final Findings of Facts and Decision are available for review at the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, 550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 920, Anchorage, AK 99501-3577, or on our website ([www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/index.htm](http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/index.htm)). The applicant or a person with an interest which is or may be adversely affected by this decision may request in writing a hearing under AS 27.21.150 to review the reasons for this decision. The request for a hearing may be mailed or delivered to Daniel S. Sullivan, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, and 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, AK 99501; faxed to 907.269.8918; or sent by electronic mail to [dnr.appeals@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.appeals@alaska.gov). The request for a hearing must be received within 30 days after the applicant is notified of this decision; the request must be received by 5:00 p.m. of March 30, 2013.