

PUBLIC NOTICE – FORT KNOX MINE FEDERAL PERMIT APPLICATION AND DRAFT STATE DECISIONS

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and the State of Alaska are releasing on June 29, 2006 the application, draft permits, public notice and decisions, below, relating to the Fort Knox Mine for a 30-day public review and comment period. The project applicant, Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. (FGMI), is a wholly owned subsidiary of Kinross Gold Corporation. The Fort Knox open-pit gold mine is located approximately 26 miles northeast of Fairbanks, Alaska. The operator is proposing to add a heap leach gold recovery facility in the Walter Creek drainage and is requesting modification of various existing permits and authorizations.

- ACOE is publishing the public notice for an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.
- The Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR) has prepared a Draft Plan of Operations Amendment Approval (including a Draft Reclamation Plan Approval) and a Draft Addendum to the Millsite Lease.
- The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) has prepared a Draft Waste Management Permit (2006-DB0043) for disposal of tailings, mined material to be placed on a heap leach facility, and inert solid wastes at the Fort Knox Mine. ADEC also anticipates that it will issue a certification of the 404 permit to be prepared by ACOE authorizing the placement of fill in wetlands.

PUBLIC MEETING and HEARING

FAIRBANKS	Monday, July 17, 2006	The Carlson Center, Pioneer Meeting Room 2010 2nd Avenue
	6 to 8 p.m. 8 to 9 p.m.	Project Presentation and Discussion Public Hearing

HOW TO COMMENT

Copies of the application, draft permits, public notices, and other supporting documents are available for review at:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers / Fairbanks (3437 Airport Way, Suite 206)
Alaska Department of Natural Resources / Anchorage (550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 900)
Alaska Department of Natural Resources / Fairbanks (3700 Airport Way)
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation / Fairbanks (610 University Ave.)

**Documents may be obtained from this website:
www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/largemine/fortknox/**

Copies of the application, draft permits, and authorizations may also be obtained by contacting the individuals listed below.

Please send comments to the following agencies respective to the draft permits, public notice or decisions.

Comments must be received by 5:00 pm, July 31, 2006.

Department of the Army Section 404 Permit

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State Of Alaska DNR Authorizations

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State of Alaska DEC Waste Management Permit

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State of Alaska DEC Certification of Army Section 404 Permit

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