

# STATE OF ALASKA

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION OF WATER  
WASTEWATER DISCHARGE AUTHORIZATION PROGRAM**

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**Subject: Renewal of Waste Management Permit 2006-DB0037, Niblack Exploration Project**

Dear Mr. Smith:


The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program received your May 25, 2012 application submittal for renewal of Waste Management Permit 2006-DB0037, which is comprised of:

- Industrial Waste Monofill Solid Waste Permit Application;
- NIBLACK WATER QUALITY MONITORING PLAN 2012 Post-Construction Update, Integral consulting Inc, May 25, 2012;
- NIBLACK PROJECT Underground Exploration Plan of Operations 2012 Post-Construction Update, Integral consulting Inc, May 25, 2012; and
- NIBLACK RECLAMATION AND CLOSURE PLAN 2012 Post-Construction Update, Integral consulting Inc, May 25, 2012

In accordance with DEC regulations Alaska Administrative Code (AAC) 18 AAC 15.110, a state permit remains fully effective and enforceable if the permittee submits a timely and complete application and, through no fault of the permittee, DEC does not renew your permit prior to the expiration date of the existing permit. Accordingly, since the application was received more than 30 days before the June 28, 2012 expiration of the existing permit, the terms and conditions of the existing permit will remain fully effective and enforceable until a renewed permit is issued to your facility.

Please note that DEC may request additional information during the development of the draft permit to clarify, modify, or supplement previously submitted material. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (907) 269-7580.

Sincerely,

  
Wade Strickland  
Program Manager

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