

PUBLIC NOTICE - ROCK CREEK MINE PROJECT FEDERAL PERMIT APPLICATION AND DRAFT STATE DECISIONS

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and the State of Alaska are releasing on June 1, 2006 the following draft permits, public notice and decisions relating to the Rock Creek Mine Project for a 30-day public review and comment period. The project applicant, Alaska Gold Company, proposes to develop a hardrock gold mining operation on private and Native Land on the Seward Peninsula along the west coast of Alaska.

The Rock Creek Mine Project is comprised of two open pit mine projects: 1) the Rock Creek Mine/Mill Complex located north of Nome in the Snake River watershed, and 2) the Big Hurrah Mine located east of Nome in the Solomon River watershed. A mill will be constructed at the Rock Creek site to process ore from both sites at a rate of approximately 7,000 tons per day. The projected mine life is 4-5 years. The project would employ up to 135 employees. Standard drilling and blasting techniques will be used to break the ore. The blasted ore and development rock will be hauled by 100 ton trucks to the processing plant, rock dumps or stockpile areas.

- 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 Reclamation Plan Approval, 6 Temporary Water Use Permits, and a Title 41 Fish Habitat permit. ADNR is also coordinating public review of the Alaska Coastal Management Program's (ACMP) consistency determination.
- The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) has prepared a draft Waste Management Permit (2003-DB0051) for disposal of treated wastewater, tailings and other solid wastes at the Rock Creek site; and disposal of treated wastewater and other solid wastes at the Big Hurrah site. ADEC also anticipates that it will issue a certification of the 404 permit to be prepared by ACOE.

PUBLIC MEETING and HEARING

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Monday, June 26, 2006
6 to 8 pm:
8 to 9 pm:

Old St. Joe's, 407 Bering Street
Project Presentation and Discussion
Public Hearing

HOW TO COMMENT

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

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Anchorage Regulatory Office (Elmendorf AFB)
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.)
Kegoayah Kozga Public Library / Nome (223 Front Street)

Draft documents may be obtained from this website:

www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/largemine

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

Comments must be received by 5:00 pm, June 30, 2006.

Department Of The Army Section 404 Permit

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State of Alaska DNR Permits & ACMP Consistency Determination

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State of Alaska DEC Certification of Army Section 404 Permit

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