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#### Submission Text:

1. Review of the project maps on line show me that the fuel haul road traverses into the headwaters of the Iditarod River that leads into the Innoko National Wildlife Refuge and the Innoko River that drains into the Yukon River. Considering the amount of fuel that will be moved over the haul road leading from the Kuskokwim River over these areas that drain into the Iditarod River, the potential impact of contaminants draining into these areas should be evaluated. 2. The number of barge trips from Bethel to the fuel storage area just down river from Crooked Creek required each year for the life of the project will have a great negative impact on the shoreline of the Kuskokwim River and the people who rely on fishing for food using setnet and drift nets. There could be a lot of erosion caused by the wave action on the shoreline as well as the river bed, especially, in the areas where the river is shallow. 3. One map showing the location of the containment dam shows a seepage containment pool just below the dam using a green color. This suggests to me that seepage (possibly contaminated) is expected into a stream that leads to Crooked Creek and therefore into the Kuskokwim River. Any contamination draining into the river should be cause for serious concern when evaluating this project during the permitting process. 4. The impact, both positive and negative, on the city of Aniak, the regional air traffic hub of this region, must be carefully evaluated. Although there will be a large airport at the mine site, there could be a significant increase in air traffic at Aniak when the weather conditions at the mine site are adverse. 5. The EIS process needs to evaluate the long term impact on the people living in the villages, both on the Kuskokwim and Yukon Rivers, who rely on fish and game to supplement their food source. 6. One project map show the airport drainage will run in the same are described in comment 1 above. The same concerns about contamination expressed in comment 1 apply to the airport area. 7. Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns as expressed in general terms in the above comments. I lived my first 15 years in the area between Holy Cross, Aniak and Bethel where our predominant food source came from fishing, hunting, trapping and berrypicking and feel that I have an understanding of how difficult life can be if any of those resources are adversely affected. While there could be opportunities for employment, there needs to be great concern for the impact of this mine project on people who will not benefit from this project but who must still rely on what is available for food in the area.

#### Comments:

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Review of the project maps on line show me that the fuel haul road traverses into the headwaters of the Iditarod River that leads into the Innoko National Wildlife Refuge and the Innoko River

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The number of barge trips from Bethel to the fuel storage area just down river from Crooked Creek required each year for the life of the project will have a great negative impact on the

Category: BARG -- Barge Issues:

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There could be a lot of erosion caused by the wave action on the shoreline as well as the river bed, especially, in the areas where the river is shallow.

Category: HYD -- Hydrology:

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One map showing the location of the containment dam shows a seepage containment pool just below the dam using a green color. This suggests to me that seepage (possibly contaminated) is expected

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The impact, both positive and negative, on the city of Aniak, the regional air traffic hub of this region, must be carefully evaluated. Although there will be a large airport at the

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The EIS process needs to evaluate the long term impact on the people living in the villages, both on the Kuskokwim and Yukon Rivers, who rely on fish and game to supplement their food source.

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While there could be opportunities for employment, there needs to be great concern for the impact of this mine project on people who will not benefit from this project but who must

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