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Sir:

I would like to submit ~~my~~ scoping comments for the Proposed Donlin Gold Mine.

I support mining, the issue here is not for or against this or any other mine. The questions are - who - when - where, is this the right time to go forward?

To go forward with this project the mine must:

- ① Pay its own way 100%
- ② Make a profit for the owners and the operator.
- ③ Create economic benefits to the local area, the state of Alaska, and the United States as a whole.

It must not be allowed to:

- ① Socialize (Pass on to Government) any of its cost, problems or responsibility.
- ② Create problems that will have to be dealt with for centuries.
- ③ Interfere with wildlife, fish and waterfowl.
- ④ Put at risk, in anyway, ground and surface water.

anything produced at the mine, that appears in the water, is the responsibility of the mine owner & operator.

⑤ obscure or conceal ownership or responsibility for any action.

The following questions need clear answers.

~~What~~ will the Bonding Requirements be? The performance bond must be substantial, and any penalties or fines must be large enough to hurt the bottom line, not relieved on a minor cost of doing business.

How will N.A.F.T.A. affect the ability of the State and federal Gov. to regulate their mine?

Is the answer to that ~~question~~ question legal opinion or established law upheld by the courts?

When the Corporation operating the mine has come and gone, will the owner (of the mine), The Chalista corporation, be able to spin off, sell or walk away from any short or long term responsibility, liability or cost involved?

Who will pay for clean up and remediation if the Bond proves to be insufficient?

The Central Kentucky area ¹⁴¹¹⁵ was ~~has~~ One Super Fund Environment Clean up (REF 14112) Site now, we do not need a second.

Comments on 8 Alternatives to specific Proposals

313 mi Nat Gas pipeline from Cook Inlet to mine site, and 227 MW power plant.

Doulin Gold has said at public meetings that their pipeline will be supplied with gas from the landmass. The permit app. makes no mention of this.

No Gas line should be permitted in Alaska that is not part of a Coordinated plan to utilize Alaska Gas to the Benefit of the greatest number of people possible.

This proposal is absurd and should be denied.

This proposal expands the environmental impact to half the earth, creating a host of additional problems, Corrupt 3rd world Gov., Balance of trade issues, environmental problems on the supply end, Tanker fleet with all ~~over~~ their problems.

Their pipe line should run to the north east, to Fairbanks, (390 mi approx) where it could make a pipe-line from the north slope to Fairbanks a economic reality, of Benefit to the Entire State.

With some good planning and work by the state, Denali Commission etc., on Powerline and intertie between village, the Power plant could be a good long term power source for western Alaska after the mine is closed.

As it is proposed the Power plant is useless after mine closure.

The Tailings Storage Facility -
 "Lake Chalista", a huge body of
 toxic water and sludge, that will
 require treatment and monitoring
 forever, must not be allowed.

No mine can cover the cost associated
 with this.

And producing waste rock and toxic
 tailings should be made into an
 inert solid - mixed with cement &
 layered with clay. Cost too much? Go
 back to "when" this is not the time
 to develop this mine.

A mine with a short life span of
 27 years cannot be allowed to
 create problem for Centuries to
 come.

Any Barge landing & road to mine ~~site~~, on
 the Yukon River, should be built at
 Crooked Creek, where it would be a
 permanent benefit to the village.

The planned fuel Barges are too big
 for the normal summer low water on
 the Yukon River. This will create
 erosion problems and need for in channel
 dredging.

The better long term solution to this
 problem would be a road west
 to the Yukon river (50 mi) which could
 accommodate heavy traffic. This would
 also give access to the Rail head
 as well as by sea.

a 5000 ft airfield should not be built at the mine site.

Doulin Gold should improve the Crooked Creek airfield to meet their needs, and build a road to the mine.

This would make a good longterm benefit to the entire area.

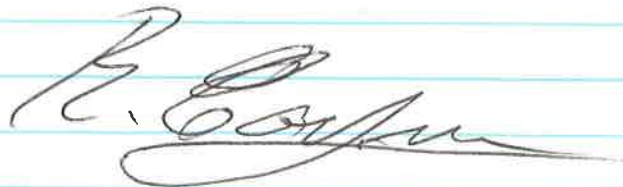
The current plan calls for a 5000' airfield that will be of no use after the mine is closed.

All infrastructure should be built for the long term benefit of as many people as possible not for short term here.

This mine has good potential to benefit the entire state, if it is done with some good long term planning.

The project components as set forth by Doulin Gold do not demonstrate any good long term planning, they do not, in my view, meet the standards for a good clean operation.

I think all permits should therefore be denied.



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