

Scoping Comments on Donlin Gold Mine

Issues and Concerns to be addressed in Preliminary Studies

- Environmental and socioeconomic impacts of a 313 mile natural gas pipeline that would go from Cook Inlet to the proposed mine location.
- What would be the alternative energy source(s) if the natural gas pipeline did not happen and impacts of those sources.
- Environmental and socioeconomic impacts of a new 30 mile road from the proposed mine to the barge landing that would be built on the Kuskokwim River.
- Impacts of the use of the barge landing
- Health concerns for human communities and for downstream fish and wildlife habitat to be considered from acid mine drainage, cyanide, mercury, arsenic, and other heavy metals.
- Impacts from mitigation and water treatment that could happen in perpetuity.
- How will the project disrupt the subsistence resources?

There are many concerns about minimizing negative environmental and social impacts.

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