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RE: Donlin Gold Project
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Sirs:

Please consider my written comment to records.

Land waste material damage the thin soil of fertile land that covers most of the earth's top soil important for growing food. Natural process took thousands of years to form soil that supports vegetation. By careless act, manner, and method development destroy land in a few years. Development result from removal of trees, grassland and other plants that hold land in place. The clearing of soil for project development cause surrounding damages. Water is an element widely existing essential part of anything on earth. Without water there can be no life. All living matter - plants, animals, fishes, fowls and countries to a great in quantity have water to live. Water assists keep the earth's climate from getting too hot or too cold. All use water in our homes or employments for drinking, cooking, cleaning and bathing. All use water so we can grow more food. Our trust for water is continually increasing. Annually there are more peoples in the earth. Countries settle where water is abundantly near rivers, streams, and lakes.

Waste materials exist when useless are dumped on land, into rivers, lakes, oceans and other bodies of water. Waste materials make unclean, impure or defile water include harmful chemical discharged into air, land and other bodies of water can severs sickness or harm. Waste materials has become a serious problem in many countries, including Alaska. Alaska mining and other activities cause land, water and air pollution in rural areas. Recycling of water do not remove harmful chemicals and waste materials such as using cyanide leaching process, arsenic, lead and mercury. Scientists feel uneasy or troubled that drinking little amounts of these substances for many years may cause poor health and harmful effects. Water waste pollution effects and kills water plants, fishes, birds, and wildlife's. Water plants and fishes have been put an end by pollution or a lack of oxygen in the water. Fishes, mammals and plants from waste polluted waters cannot be eaten because they contain cyanide, arsenic, lead, mercury and other chemicals in amount dangerous to humans. Water waste pollution in addition upsets various natural part of a structure or organism that constantly take place in water. Most of these substances serve as nutrients for plants, fishes, and animals. Should water contains too much waste a harmful condition will use up most of the oxygen in it. Valuable species of flesh water fish such as whitefish, sheepish, pikefish and other several kinds of fish will be unable to live in the water. If all oxygen is used up, another different bacteria called anaerobic bacteria begin to break down the waste without using oxygen. This process darkens the water and produces bad smell, fishes and water plants can no longer live in the water.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.


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