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# Notice of Public Scoping for Possible Updates and Revisions of DNR Regulations

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Under Administrative Order 266

## 11 AAC 86, Mining Rights

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is considering updating and revising its regulations regarding mining rights (such as claims, leasehold locations, leases and prospecting sites) as outlined in 11 AAC Chapter 86. For more information or a copy of the existing regulations and statutes, go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/hottopics>, or contact Joe Joyner at Alaska Department of Natural Resources, 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1070, Anchorage, AK 99501-3577, [joe.joyner@alaska.gov](mailto:joe.joyner@alaska.gov), or (907) 269-8511.

Specifically, DNR is seeking public input regarding the effectiveness of the existing regulatory framework related to the establishment and maintenance of mining rights. DNR is also asking members of the public and industry for their input regarding suggestions and proposals which would improve the regulations related to mining rights management.

The purpose of this notice is to ask the public for their ideas and suggestions for possible changes and improvements to these regulations before the department undertakes the task of drafting any specific proposed revisions to these regulations for public review. These ideas and suggestions can be as broad or as narrow, or as general or as specific, as a submitter may wish.

The department is not currently proposing any specific changes at this time. There are no draft regulations to review. The department is soliciting feedback and comments from the public on how they would change or improve the existing regulatory framework related to the establishment and maintenance of mining rights and for suggestions and proposals which would improve the regulations related to mining rights management before the formal process of drafting any proposed changes begins.

Written comments, suggestions, and other input must be received by DNR no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2016. Please send all submissions by mail or email to:

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Written suggestions or other input should identify which regulation to which their suggestions or other input applies. DNR will consider the submitted information if and when DNR proposes regulatory updates and revisions to this Section. Any proposed regulatory updates and revisions will subsequently be released for public review and comment under the Administrative Procedures Act AS 44.62.

The DNR reserves the right to waive technical defects in this publication. DNR complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aides, services or special modifications to participate in this scoping request may contact the above address, email, or the TDD number (907) 269-8411.

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