



October 24, 2012

**RE: PUBLIC NOTICE: JONESVILLE EXPLORATION PERMIT APPLICATION**

Dear Alaskan:

The State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) has received a request from Ranger Alaska, LLC., 110 N Rubey Drive, Suite 201, Golden, CO 80403, through their representatives Alaska Earth Sciences Inc., 1075 Check Street, Suite 210, Wasilla, Alaska 99654, to review a coal exploration application under 11 AAC 90.163.

The exploration activity is located 2 miles northwest of Sutton in Southcentral Alaska. The proposed activity will occur within Sections 16-21, Township 19 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian. A total of 1,450.00 acres are located within the proposed exploration area. The surface estate is owned by the State of Alaska. The State of Alaska and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority own the subsurface estate.

Proposed exploration activities will consist of the drilling of up to 45 shallow air rotary drilled boreholes in a tailings pond in the southwest corner of the lease area and the drilling up to seven medium to deep exploratory coreholes. Up to 2200 feet of drilling is anticipated for the air rotary drilling and up to 7250 feet of core drilling. The project proposes to use existing trails and helicopter support wherever possible. All staging and logistics will be done on existing disturbed areas to minimize additional impacts to the area. The application proposes to construct an additional 1760 feet trail to access the drill sites.

Pursuant to 11 AAC 90.167(b) the DMLW has determined that a reclamation bond in the amount of \$73,158.26 is sufficient to cover the associated reclamation costs.

The application complies with the requirements of the Alaska Surface Coal Mining Control and Reclamation Act (AS 27.21 and 11 AAC 90). All proposed exploration and reclamation activities are consistent with 11 AAC 90.167.

Copies of the Permit Application, Preliminary Findings of Fact and other supporting documents are available for review at the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, 550 West 7th Ave., Suite 920, Anchorage, AK 99501-3577 or on our website ([www.dnr.state.ak/mlw/mining/index.htm](http://www.dnr.state.ak/mlw/mining/index.htm)). Comments should be sent to Liping Jing at the Anchorage address listed above, by fax to (907) 269-8930, or by e-mail to: [coalprogram@alaska.gov](mailto:coalprogram@alaska.gov), with the subject "Jonesville Coal Project." The deadline for comments is 5:00 p.m. on November 23, 2012.