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March 28, 2014

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Subject: Waste Management Permit 2014DB0002, Fort Knox Mine

Dear Mr. Parr:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation has completed its evaluation of your Waste Management Permit application for the disposal of wastes from the Fort Knox Mine, as detailed in your application materials and in the enclosed permit. Waste Management Permit No. 2014DB0002 covers disposal of waste to the Tailings Storage Facility, Walter Creek Valley Heap Leach Facility, and waste rock dumps. It also covers wastewater collection, containment, and monitoring systems at the Fort Knox Mine. In addition to the disposal of wastes listed above, this permit covers hazardous chemical storage and containment, reclamation and closure activities related to all the facilities, and financial assurance.

The attached permit is issued under the provisions of Alaska Statute 46.03.100, and the Alaska Administrative Code (AAC), 18 AAC 15, 18 AAC 60, 18 AAC 70, and 18 AAC 72 and other applicable state laws and regulations. The attached permit incorporates Fort Knox Mine's Waste Management Permit Renewal Application May 2012, *Fort Knox Mine Plan of Operations Modification and Millsite Lease Amendment* May 2013, *Fort Knox Mine Reclamation and Closure Plan* November 2013, *Solid Waste Management Plan* January 2014, *Fort Gold Mine Monitoring Plan* October 2012, *Walter Creek Valley Fill Heap Leach Pad Operations & Maintenance Manual Revision 4* June 2013, and *Pit Lake Evaluation* February 2013. Please review the conditions and stipulations in this permit and ensure that they are all understood. This permit is effective **March 28, 2014** and expires after **March 27, 2019**.

Any person who disagrees with this decision may request an informal review by the Division Director in accordance with 18 AAC 15.185 or an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 18 AAC 15.195 – 18 AAC 15.340. An informal review request must be delivered to the Director of the Division of Water, 410 Willoughby Ave., Suite 303, Juneau, AK 99801, within 15 days of receipt of the permit decision. An adjudicatory hearing request must be delivered to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation, 410

Willoughby Ave., Suite 303, Juneau, AK 99801, within 30 days of the permit decision. If a hearing is not requested within 30 days, the right to appeal is waived.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wade Strickland". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Wade Strickland,
Program Manager

Enclosure: Waste Management Permit No. 2014DB0002, Fort Knox Mine

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