



PUBLIC NOTICE

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Alaska's Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Division of Water received an application for reissuance of a State of Alaska integrated Waste Management Permit under Alaska Statutes 46.03 and the Alaska Administrative Code (AAC), 18 AAC 15, 18 AAC 60, 18 AAC 70, and 18 AAC 72.

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Public Notice Issuance Date: **August 9, 2013**
Public Notice Expiration Date: **September 9, 2013**

Permit No.: Draft Waste Management Permit No. **2013DB0002**

Applicant

Coeur Alaska, Inc.
Kensington Mine
3031 Clinton Dr., Suite 202
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Proposed Project and Location

Activities: This permit is for the management of solid and liquid wastes from the Kensington Mine, which produces approximately 1,450 tons of ore and 500 tons of development rock per day. This permit authorizes the disposal of wastewater and approximately 4.5 million tons of tailings to the Tailings Treatment Facility (TTF) and 3 million tons of tailings underground. At mine closure, the TTF is proposed to be approximately 61.8 acres contained behind a 90 feet high rock fill dam.

Location: The Kensington Gold Mine is located approximately 45 miles north of Juneau, Alaska, in the Tongass National Forest. The mine is on the western and southern flanks of Lions Head Mountain between Berners Bay and Lynn Canal.

Tentative Determination

The DEC has tentatively determined to reissue a permit to the above listed applicant.

Public Comments

Written comments on the proposed permit must be submitted within 30 days of the first publication of this public notice or no later than September 9, 2013. Please direct written comments to the attention of Allan Nakanishi at the address or email identified above. All comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the commenter and a concise statement of comment on the permit condition(s) and the relevant facts upon which the comment is based. Comments of either support or concern which are directed at specific, cited permit requirements are appreciated. Comments must be postmarked on or before the expiration date of the public notice.

Any interested person may submit a written request for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing shall state the nature of the issues to be raised, as well as the requester's name, address and telephone number. DEC will hold a public hearing if it determines that good cause exists.

**DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS:
September 9, 2013 at 5:00 pm AKST**

Administrative Record

The permit contains five references to Department approved plans which has also been approved by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and can be viewed at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/largemine/kensington>. Copies of the proposed permit and application documents are available for public review at Anchorage and Juneau DEC offices. Please contact either office to review hard copies of available documents.

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These documents are attached and are also accessible at the following DEC website.
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wwdp/index.htm>

For other inquiries, contact Allan Nakanishi at the address listed above, by email at allan.nakanishi@alaska.gov, or call **907-269-4028**.

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