

STATE OF ALASKA

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF WATER
WASTEWATER DISCHARGE AUTHORIZATION PROGRAM**

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2303 West 41st Avenue
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File No. 2612.62.001

Re: Reissuance of state permit: Waste Management Permit for Nixon Fork Mine,
No. 2003-DB0055

Dear Mr. Goodwin:

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program received the above referenced application materials. We have completed our review of the application and determined that the application is timely. In accordance with DEC regulation 18 AAC 15.110, a state permit remains fully effective and enforceable if a timely application is received and, through no fault of the permittee, DEC does not reissue a new permit prior to the expiration date of the existing permit. Therefore, your existing permit will remain effective and enforceable until a new permit is issued for your facility.

Please note that DEC may request additional information during the development of the draft permit to clarify, modify, or supplement previously submitted material. If you have any questions, please contact DEC at (907) 451-2136.

Sincerely,



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