April 12, 2019

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Subject: Pogo Mine Plan of Operations Approval Amendment 3
F20189500POOA.03 for Food Waste Storage at Material Site 23

Dear Ms. Ladegard:

On April 8, 2019, the Division of Mining, Land, and Water (DMLW), Mining section received correspondence requesting approval to amend the Pogo Mine Plan of Operations (POO) to allow food waste storage at Material Site 23 on mining claim ADL 416816.

The DMLW understands the food waste storage request provides the opportunity to minimize human and wildlife interactions. The request further notes that all activities will be conducted in accordance and concurrent with previously approved activities.

The DMLW Mining section has reviewed the proposed amendment. The Alaska Departments of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) and Fish & Game (ADF&G) have been notified and no objections to the proposed amendment have been received.

Under 11 AAC 86.150, the activities on mining claim ADL 416816 will be addressed through the requested amendment to the POO. This amendment to the POO as proposed and illustrated in the submission dated April 8, 2019 is hereby approved as Pogo Mine Plan of Operations Approval Amendment 3 F20189500POOA.03 (POOA). Nothing in this decision changes the conditions of the original POO Approval dated May 24, 2018. These changes should be accounted for in the next update to the Plan of Operations, the Reclamation and Closure Plan, and the closure cost estimate.
Please be advised that this authorization does not eliminate the potential need for authorization of your activity from other Federal, State, or local divisions or agencies.

A person affected by this decision may appeal it, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any appeal must be received within 20 calendar days after the date of “issuance” of this decision, as defined in 11 AAC 02.040(c) and (d) and may be mailed or delivered to the Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; faxed to 1-907-269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. Under 11 AAC 02.030, appeals and requests for reconsideration filed under 11 AAC 02 must be accompanied by the fee established in 11 AAC 05.160(d)(1)(F), which has been set at $200 under the provisions of 11 AAC 05.160 (a) and (b).

This decision takes effect immediately. If no appeal is filed by the appeal deadline, this decision becomes a final administrative order and decision of the department on the 31st calendar day after issuance. An eligible person must first appeal this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to Superior Court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Brent Martellaro at 907-451-2788

Sincerely,

Steve Buckley
Mining Section Chief

Enclosure: Copy of NS (Pogo) LLC’s April 8, 2019 amendment request

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