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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Sally McLeod  
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Via: [Sally.McLeod@smmpogo.com](mailto:Sally.McLeod@smmpogo.com)

Re: Plan of Operations Amendment Approval

Dear Ms. McLeod:

The Division of Mining, Land and Water is in receipt of your request to amend the Pogo Mine Plan of Operations for the construction and use of a seventy-seven bed addition to the "D-Wing" Dormitory at the Lower Camp as described in the attached documentation. The Plan of Operations Amendment was distributed to the Departments of Environmental Conservation and Fish & Game for review and comment.

The amendment to Pogo Mine's Plan of Operations proposing to add a 77 bed modular dormitory wing was reviewed by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Division of Environmental Health, Food Safety and Sanitation Program and the DEC, Division of Water, Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program, Engineering/Mining Technical Services Section. The proposal will not affect DEC's food services permit, Waste Management Permit, Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit, or Multi-Sector General Permit. However, there may be additional facility modifications associated with the proposed increase in housing, such as modification to the domestic wastewater treatment plant or installation of new storm water controls.

In the first case, if the domestic wastewater treatment plant is modified, approval of engineered construction plans must be received from DEC before starting construction. DEC's contact for that plan review is Bill Smyth (907-451-2177 or [William.smyth@alaska.gov](mailto:William.smyth@alaska.gov)), Engineered Wastewater Disposal Systems, On-site Disposal Systems, Wastewater Discharge Authorization, Division of Water.

In the second case, if there is a change in storm water control structures or management practices, the mine's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan must be updated to reflect those changes as required by the Multi-Sector General Permit.

The February 22, 2012 Amendment to the Pogo Mine Plan of Operations is hereby approved as submitted. Reclamation costs for the facility should be included in the next revision of the Pogo Mine Reclamation and Closure Cost Estimate.

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Please be advised that this authorization does not eliminate the potential need for authorization of your activity from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers if wetlands are involved.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Steve McGroarty at (907) 451-2795.

Sincerely,



RUSSELL KIRKHAM

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