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Re: Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. AK0038652 for Teck Alaska Inc., Red Dog Mine

Dear Mr. Letient:

In the enclosed Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for the Red Dog Mine, Permit Number AK0038652, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) addresses previously withdrawn permit limits. Specifically, limits for total dissolved cyanide (TDS) and weak acid dissociable (WAD) cyanide have been reinstated in the permit as proposed in EPA's Statement of Basis, which underwent public notice periods from April 25, 2011 through May 25, 2011 and July 25, 2011 through August 26, 2011. Also enclosed is the fact sheet for permit number AK0038652 and DEC's and EPA's joint response to the comments received on the reinstatement of withdrawn permit limits for TDS, WAD cyanide, selenium (maximum daily limit), lead (average monthly limit), and zinc (average monthly and maximum daily limits).

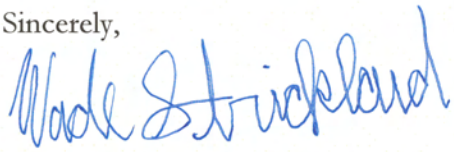
The reinstated limits for TDS and WAD cyanide become effective on April 1, 2013, and the permit term expires after February 28, 2015. Please review the terms and conditions in this permit to ensure they are all understood. For the limits that did not undergo reinstatement, selenium (maximum daily limit), lead (average monthly limit), and zinc (average monthly and maximum daily limits), the limits on those parameters from the 1998 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit remain in effect.

DEC regulations provide that any person who disagrees specifically with the decision to reinstate TDS and WAD cyanide limits may request an informal review by the Division of Water 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 Division of Water Director, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501 within 15 days after receiving this permit decision.

An adjudicatory hearing request must be delivered to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation, 410 Willoughby Street, Suite 303, Juneau, AK 99811 within 30 days

after the date of this permit decision. If a hearing is not requested within 30 days, the right to appeal is waived.

Sincerely,



Wade Strickland
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Enclosures: Permit No. AK0038652
Fact Sheet
Response to Comments

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