

PUBLIC NOTICE

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
Wastewater Discharge Authorizations Program
610 University Avenue
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

Alaska's Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), Division of Water received an application for a State of Alaska non-domestic wastewater Land Application 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: **May 27, 2010**
Public Notice Expiration Date: **July 6, 2010**

Permit No.: Land Application Permit No. **2010DB0011**

Applicant

NovaGold Resources, Inc.
Rock Creek Project
P.O. Box 640
Nome, AK 99762-0640

Proposed Project and Location

Activities: Excess wastewater from precipitation, snowmelt, runoff, and groundwater collects in the mine's paste Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) and the Main sump below the TSF. This water will be discharged using up to three spray evaporators over an area of approximately 10 acres located directly uphill from the TSF, bounded upslope by Diversion Channel 1 and downslope by Diversion Channel 3, at the Rock Creek Project. Moisture will soak into the land surface, but puddling and surface runoff are prohibited.

Location: The Rock Creek Project is located approximately 6 miles north of Nome, AK, in the Snake River Drainage, within sections 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 33, T10S, R34E, Kateel River Meridian.

Tentative Determination

The ADEC has tentatively determined to issue permit to the above listed applicant.

Public Comments

Written comments on the proposed permit must be submitted within 30 days of the second publication of this public notice, or no later than July 6, 2010. Please direct written comments to the attention of Tim Pilon 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.

**DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS:
July 6, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. ADT**

Administrative Record

Copies of the proposed permit and application documents are available for public review at the ADEC website: <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wwdp/index.htm>. The Public Notice can be viewed at the DEC Public Notices website: http://www.dec.state.ak.us/public_notices.htm. For inquiries and copies of documents, contact Tim Pilon at the address listed above, by email tim.pilon@alaska.gov or call (907) 451-2136

Disability Reasonable Accommodation Notice:

The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation in order to participate in this public process, please contact Deborah Pock at (907) 269-0291 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 within 30 days of publication of this notice to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.