

# PUBLIC NOTICE – ROCK CREEK MINE

## Draft State Decision

The Rock Creek Mine consists of a mine/mill complex six miles north of Nome. Alaska Gold Company (AGC) constructed and operated the mine between 2006 and 2008. In 2008, 100,000 tons of ore were milled and the tailings deposited in the tailings storage facility (TSF). Since 2008, the mine has been in care and maintenance status with on-going water treatment and discharge, stormwater management, and monitoring. AGC has submitted a two-phase Final Reclamation and Closure Plan for the mine.

Phase I consists of removing water from the TSF, installing a temporary synthetic cover on the tailings and breaching the TSF dam. Phase I will be completed in February and March 2012.

Phase II consists of: removing the tailings from the TSF; disposing of tailings, ore and waste rock in the Main Pit; backfilling of Main Pit to eliminate potential for surface water accumulation; dismantling and disposal of mill facilities and other buildings; removal of all equipment and supplies; recontouring, placing top soil, and applying seed and fertilizer to the site; and, implementing post-closure monitoring.

On January 5, 2012 the State of Alaska is releasing the following documents for a 15-day public review and comment period:

- Rock Creek Mine Reclamation and Closure Plan
- Rock Creek Mine Revised Closure Cost Estimate
- AK Dept. Natural Resources, Div. of Mining, Land and Water DRAFT Reclamation Plan Approval (F20129578)

## HOW TO COMMENT

Copies of the application material and draft state decision may be obtained on-line at:

**[www.dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/largemine/rockcreek/index.htm](http://www.dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/largemine/rockcreek/index.htm)**

Hardcopies are also available for review at the following locations:

- AK Dept. Natural Resources / Public Information Center / 3700 Airport Way, Fairbanks
- AK Dept. Natural Resources / Public Information Center / 550 W. 7th Ave. Ste 1260 / Anchorage
- City Hall / Nome (102 Division St.)
- Kegoayah Kozga Library / Nome (223 Front St.)

## WRITTEN COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY

**January 20, 2012 5:00pm AKST**

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