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September 14, 2026

Paula Lillesve
Hecla Greens Creek Mining Company
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Juneau, Alaska 99801

File Number: 1535.62.001

Re: Waste Management Permit 2026DB0001, Hecla Greens Creek Mining Company

Dear Ms. Lillesve:

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation has completed its evaluation of your Waste Management Permit application for the disposal of wastes at Hecla Greens Creek Mine, as detailed in your application materials and in the enclosed permit. Waste Management Permit 2026DB0001 covers disposal of mining wastes at the Hecla Greens Creek Mine. It also covers containment, monitoring, reclamation and closure activities, and financial assurance for site reclamation at closure.

The attached permit is issued under the provisions of Alaska Statutes 46.03.100, and the Alaska Administrative Code (AAC), 18 AAC 15, 18 AAC 60, 18 AAC 70, and 18 AAC 72 and other applicable state laws and regulations. Please review the conditions and stipulations in this permit and ensure that they are all understood. This permit is effective September 14, 2026, and expires after September 15, 2031. Also attached is responses to comments document on the draft Waste Management Permit 2026DB0001.

A person authorized under a provision of 18 AAC 15 may request an informal review of a contested decision by the Division Director according to 18 AAC 15.185 and/or an adjudicatory hearing under 18 AAC 15.195 – 18 AAC 15.340. See DEC's "Appeal a DEC Decision" web page <https://dec.alaska.gov/commish/review-guidance/> for access to the required forms and guidance on the appeal process. Please provide a courtesy copy of the adjudicatory hearing request in an electronic format to the parties required to be served under 18 AAC 15.200. Requests must be submitted no later than the deadline specified at 18 AAC 15.

Please retain this letter for your records. Should you have questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by phone at (907) 334 -2288 or email at james.rypkema@alaska.gov. If you have technical questions regarding your permit, please contact David Khan at (907) 465-6855 or email at David.Khan@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James Rypkema".

James Rypkema
Program Manager

Enclosures: Waste Management Permit 2026DB0001, Hecla Greens Creek Mine
Responses to Comments on draft Waste Management Permit 2026DB0001

cc: Kate Harper, DNR, Juneau
Nick Waldo, DEC, Juneau
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