



## KENSINGTON SITE VISIT REPORT

**Inspection Date:** February 15, 2023  
**Weather:** Snowing and Foggy, 34° F  
**Time of Site Visit:** 4:30am to 6:00pm  
**Operator Contact:** Pete Strow (Coeur Alaska)  
**Agency Personnel:** ADNR - Shannon Kelly, Aaron Kruse, and William Groom;  
USFS – Casey Loofbourrow  
**Inspection Objectives:** General Mine Site Visit/Inspection

Arrived at Engineer's Cut-Off Road, Coeur Alaska parking lot at 4:30am to catch the bus (which was broken down), we took taxi van shuttles to the crew boat in Auke Bay. The crew boat arrived in Slate Cove around 7am, where we took a bus up to the camp to meet Pete Strow (Coeur Environmental Manager). William Groom (DNR Large Mine Program Manager), Aaron Kruse (DNR Large Mine Program Geologist), Casey Loofbourrow (US Forest Service) joined me on the inspection of the Kensington mine. Upon arrival at the mine, we met outside the Administration building, we went to the Safety training room on the bottom floor for a safety video and to get safety gear. We had breakfast together at the KDR and discussed our strategy for the day and DNR's strategy for my leaving State service. We began the inspection at Slate Cove, then the Fuel Depot and proceeded back up the hill towards the mine, we stopped at each place of interest along the way including: the Tailings Dam, proposed back-dam location, Tailings Water Treatment Plant (WTP), SEEP WTP, Pit 4/PUG plant area, Comet waste rock stockpile, Comet WTP, Sherman creek discharge, Underground paste-plant and new underground RO filtration system. The following photographs taken:



Slate Cove dock.



Storm water ponds near dock.



Fuel Depot near Slate cove dock.



Spillway at Tailings Dam.



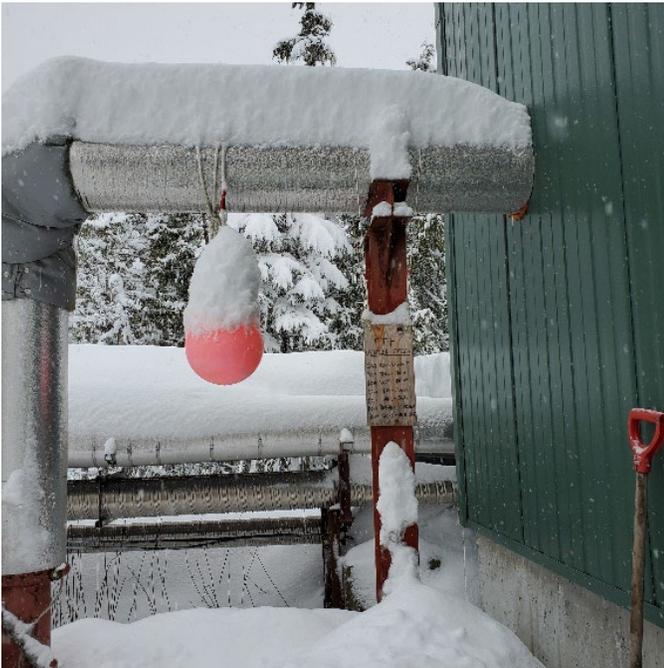
Tailings Facility, deposition area.



Diversion pipeline/dam for Upper Slate Lake water.



Creek to Upper Slate Lake.



Weather Station at Tailings WTP.



Inside the Tailings WTP.



Looking from above inside the Tailings WTP.



Tour guide Mike explains the process.



Touring the SEEP WTP.



Looking back at the Tailings Facility from the WTP.



Looking along the side of the Tailings WTP.



Pit 4/PUG plant.



Comet Portal.



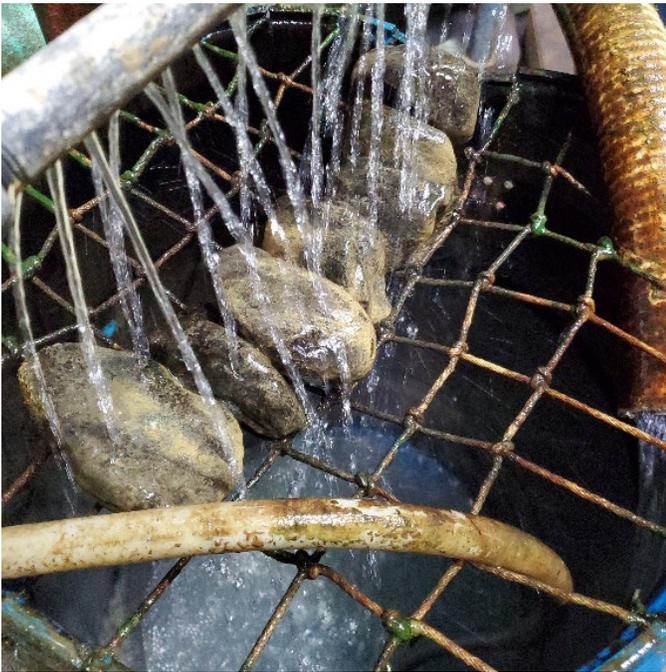
Looking down on the Comet WTP from on top of the Comet WRS.



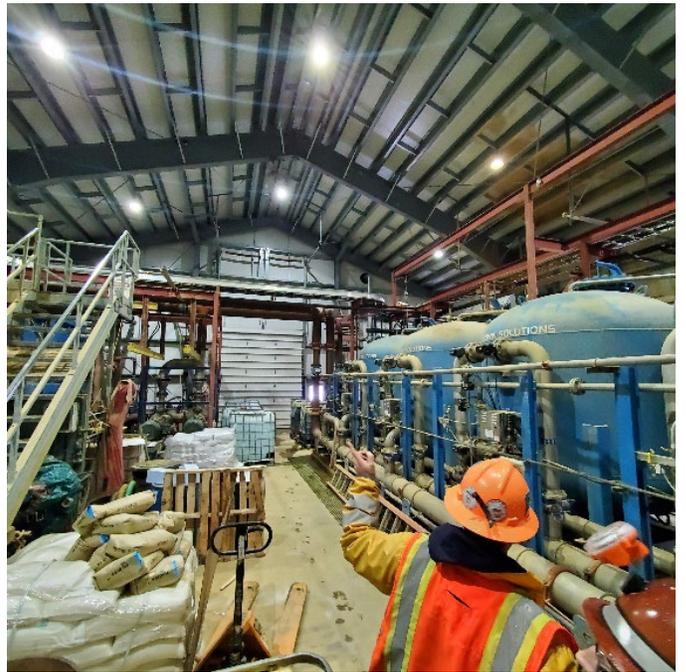
Pond 1 at Comet WTP.



Pond 2 at Comet WTP.



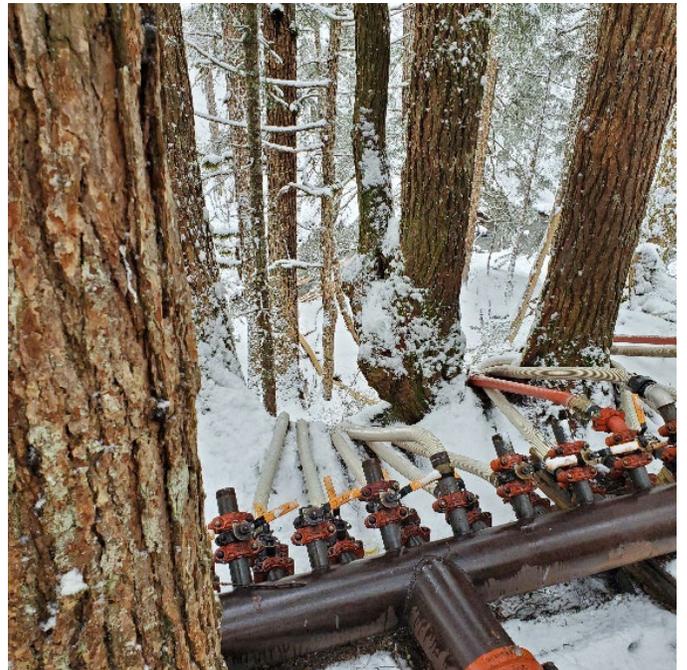
“White stuff” monitoring rock station.



Comet WTP.



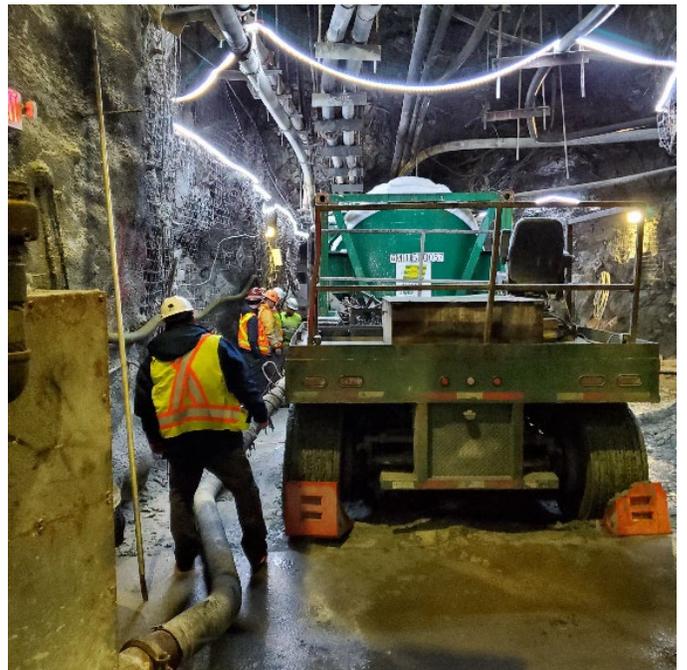
Comet WTP filtration bags.



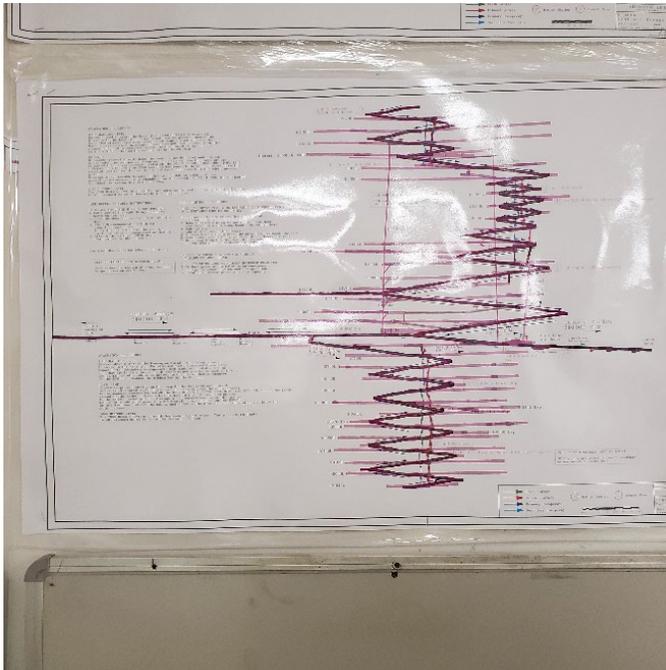
Discharge point at Sherman Creek.



Underground paste plant facility.



Bulk truck delivering cement at past plant facility.



Underground production map.



Barge leaving Slate Cove dock.

Thanks to Pete Strow for being our guide for the day. Thanks to Coeur for the many site visits during my short tenure with DNR.

Sincerely,

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