

## **Department of Natural Resources**

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Subject: Second Extension of the Niblack Underground Exploration Project Reclamation Plan Approval (J20182711RPA)

Dear Mr. Emslie,

On March 14, 2025, the Division of Mining, Land, and Water (DMLW) - Mining Section received renewal documents for the *Niblack Reclamation and Closure Plan*, 2025 Post-Construction Update. The current approval expires on April 30, 2025.

Under Alaska Administrative Code 11 AAC 97.320, the reclamation plan approval (RPA) may cover up to a ten-year period. Extensions may be granted before the end of the stated approved work period if the request does not deviate significantly from the original proposed mining and reclamation activities previously authorized.

In order to allow for the continuation of your operations, DMLW administratively extends the RPA until December 31, 2025. This approved extension is granted to allow for a thorough review of all final document submissions and to provide sufficient time to adjudicate a final decision after a public notice period. DMLW may provide for additional administrative extensions at its discretion. The initial reclamation plan approval was issued May 1, 2018. This extension does not exceed the allowed 10-year maximum regulatory period for RPA (J20182711RPA).

Please be advised that this authorization does not eliminate the potential need for authorization of your activity from other Federal, State, or local divisions or agencies.

An eligible person affected by this decision may appeal to the DNR Commissioner per AS 44.37.011 and 11 AAC 02. Any appeal must be received within twenty (20) calendar days after issuance of this decision under 11 AAC 02.040. An eligible person must first appeal a decision to the Commissioner before seeking relief in superior court. The Alaska Court System establishes its own rules for timely appealing final administrative orders and decisions of the department.

Appeals may be mailed or hand-delivered to the DNR Commissioner's Office, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501; or faxed to (907)-269-8918; or sent by electronic mail to <a href="mailto:dnr.appeals@alaska.gov">dnr.appeals@alaska.gov</a>. Appeals must be accompanied by the fee established in 11 AAC 05.160(d)(1)(F), which has been set at \$200 under the provisions of 11 AAC 05.160 (a)-(b). A copy of 11 AAC 02 is available on the department's website at <a href="https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/pdf/DNR-11-AAC-02.pdf">https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/pdf/DNR-11-AAC-02.pdf</a>.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact William Groom at 907-451-2788

Sincerely,

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