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Russell Gossett  
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**Subject: Pogo Mine Approval for Plan of Operations Amendment and Reclamation Plan Amendment**

Dear Mr. Gossett:

On December 27, 2024, the Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) received correspondence from Northern Star Resources (Pogo), LLC requesting to amend the **Pogo Mine Plan of Operations Approval (F20249500POOA) and Reclamation Plan Approval (F20249500RPA)** to extend exploration and underground activities to the claim block proposed as Upland Mining Lease ADL 422474.

The DMLW Mining section has reviewed the proposed amendment. The Alaska Departments of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Fish & Game (ADF&G) have been notified and no objections to the proposed amendment have been received. Concerns from ADF&G were received regarding undisturbed riparian buffer zones and any potential changes to the natural hydraulic pattern of the river. Please contact ADF&G prior to any construction under the Goodpaster River or its tributaries.

The activity proposed on Upland Mining Lease, ADL 422474, are consistent with current authorized operations adjacent to the new lease. The amended **Pogo Mine Plan of Operations Approval F20249500POOA.1 and Reclamation Plan Approval F20249500RPA.1** supersede the original authorizations; however, nothing in this decision changes the conditions of the original Plan of Operations and Reclamation Plan Approvals dated April 19, 2024.

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

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Steve Buckley at 907-269-8621

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Steve Buckley  
Mining Section Chief

Enclosures: Plan of Operations Amendment #1 Approval (F20249500POOA.01)  
and Reclamation Plan Amendment #1 Approval (F20249500RPA.01)

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