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Attention: Russell Gossett

**RE: DECISION TO ISSUE *CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL TO OPERATE A DAM*  
POGO R.T.P. DAM (AK00304)**

Dear Mr. Gossett:

The Dam Safety and Construction Unit of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources has decided to issue to Northern Star (Pogo) LLC the attached *Certificate of Approval to Operate a Dam FY2026-04-AK00304* for the Pogo R.T.P. Dam (NID# AK00304). This decision was made based on the document titled *Recycling Tailings Pond Operating and Maintenance Manual, Rev. 4* dated August 1, 2025

Please review the terms and conditions of the certificate, including the special conditions listed in Attachment A.

A person affected by this decision may appeal it, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any appeal must be received within 20 calendar days after the date of "issuance" of this decision, as defined in 11 AAC 02.040(c) and (d) and may be mailed or delivered to the Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; faxed to 1-907-269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to [dnr.appeals@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.appeals@alaska.gov). Under 11 AAC 02.030, appeals and requests for reconsideration filed under 11 AAC 02 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) and (b).

This decision takes effect immediately. If no appeal is filed by the appeal deadline, this decision becomes a final administrative order and decision of the department on the 31st calendar day after issuance. An eligible person must first appeal this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to Superior Court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.

Thank you for your cooperation with the Alaska Dam Safety Program. Your attention to the safety of the Pogo RTP Dam is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,



Kim Bustillos  
Assistant State Dam Safety Engineer

cc: Ben Wagner, ADNR  
Tom Barrett, ADNR  
James Hyun, ADNR

Attachments: *Certificate of Approval to Operate a Dam No. FY2026-04-AK00304*