



DONLIN GOLD

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EIS PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

In February, public input meetings were held by the US Army Corps of Engineers in the following communities:

**MCGRATH
HOOPER BAY
TOKSOOK BAY**

The meetings in Kipnuk and Quinhagak were canceled. Check the Army Corps of Engineer's project website at www.DonlinGoldEIS.com for rescheduling information.

FUTURE EIS MEETINGS

Due to weather delays, the initially published schedule has been altered. For up-to-date meeting information, please visit the Corps' project website at www.DonlinGoldEIS.com

DONLIN GOLD RECOGNIZED FOR SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF WORKPLACE SAFETY

Donlin Gold has been recognized by Barrick Gold Corporation with a "Site of Merit Safety Award" for accomplishing another year of zero lost time incidents in the workplace. Every year, Barrick recognizes project and mining sites around the world that have demonstrated leadership, commitment and achievement in safety and the environment.

“For seven consecutive years Donlin Gold has been recognized for zero loss time incidents in the workplace.”

Barrick Gold Corporation Chief Operating Officer, Igor Gonzales, congratulated the Donlin Gold team for their accomplishment. "Having everyone go home safe and healthy every day only happens through hard work, courageous leadership and dedication from everyone," Gonzales said.

This is the seventh consecutive year Donlin Gold has been honored with this award in recognition of 365 days without any accidents in the workplace. Donlin Gold's safety record is an example of the strong safety standards employees practice to provide an injury-free workplace. ■



Donlin Gold has been recognized with many safety awards including seven "Site of Merit Safety" Awards.

Face to Face *with Stan Foo*

Public input is a very important part of our planning process, and we would like to hear from you.

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“Each and every person going home safe and healthy every day” is a motto we take very seriously at Donlin Gold. Safety is a top priority in everything we do and support. Maybe you have noticed this firsthand—from a friend or relative who worked at Donlin Gold and shared a safety tip or one you read in our newsletters; maybe you used one of the many life vests Donlin Gold helped make available in YK villages over the past couple of years; or perhaps you won a snowmachine helmet as a door prize at a public meeting or the Donlin Gold Safety Expo held just recently for the Iron Dog.

I am proud of Donlin Gold’s safety practices and policies, and our employees’ dedication to upholding the highest safety standards. Some of your friends, neighbors and family who have worked at Donlin Gold over the years have become safety leaders at our project site. Last month, we highlighted Boise Alexie’s recognition with the Barrick Excellence Award for being a Safety Champion, and this month I am proud to say we have achieved our seventh consecutive year of an accident-free workplace. Barrick recognizes this accomplishment with the “Site of Merit Safety Award”, which is the result of every Donlin Gold Camp employees’ efforts and dedication to safety. This award will join the other six in the trophy case at Camp, which reminds staff each day of their hard work and courageous leadership. Congratulations to all Donlin Gold Camp employees on this significant achievement!

Stan Foo
General Manager
Donlin Gold

Timeline



THE PERMITTING PROCESS (3+ YEARS)

REGIONAL AND TRIBAL CONSULTATION WITH STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATORY AGENCIES
National Environmental Policy Act requires an Environmental Impact Statement. Formal public comment opportunities.

POTENTIAL JOBS AT DONLIN GOLD

Donlin Gold published a jobs booklet containing information on the potential jobs at the proposed project and training resources. In each newsletter, Donlin Gold is highlighting some of the careers from the jobs booklet that could be available if a decision is made to begin construction of the mining project.

SURVEYOR

Surveyors adjust and operate surveying instruments, such as the theodolite and electronic distance-measuring equipment. They provide information to personnel on a mine site that may include the locations of ore and waste, buildings and related land locations. They also compile notes, make sketches and enter data into computers. Surveyors typically like to conduct research and analyze information as well as work out in the field.

PREPARATION AND TRAINING

A high school diploma or GED, and certification from a technical training program, or a college or university degree are required for this job.



CAMP SERVICES WORKER

Camp Services include cooking and housekeeping. Cooks prepare meals throughout the day following safe food handling practices, while maintaining a clean and organized kitchen and dining hall. Housekeepers are responsible for maintaining sanitary and clean environments in all residential and working facilities. An individual seeking one of these positions will be task oriented, willing to work on their feet most of the day and can adjust to different project demands.

PREPARATION AND TRAINING

A high school diploma or GED is preferred for this position. Housekeepers may have previous on-the-job experience. Cooks and bakers may have previous on-the-job experience, but a vocational certificate is preferred.



You can view the full Donlin Gold Jobs Booklet online by visiting www.DonlinGold.com/employees ■

JOIN DONLIN GOLD'S TALENT BANK

With the project in permitting, Donlin Gold is focused on building a local workforce. If the project is approved for development, thousands of positions would be available during construction and operation of the mine. Donlin Gold is committed to filling these positions with as many qualified residents from the YK region as possible.

To get a general idea of what kinds of current skills, job experience and education residents from the region have, Donlin Gold has created a Talent Bank on its website where people can provide this information. This will help Donlin Gold create a workforce development plan that is tailored to the needs of residents in the region.

Please fill out and submit your work history profile information in the Talent Bank section of our website by visiting: www.DonlinGold.com/employees

Your talent bank profile is not an application for employment, but the information will help Donlin Gold plan and prepare for future local workforce development needs. All of the information submitted will be kept confidential.

Permitting is expected to take a minimum of three years. During this time, residents can start preparing themselves with the training and education they will need to join the Donlin Gold team. Donlin Gold's workforce development plan will help direct residents to the programs and training resources available that will support them in becoming a desired job applicant. ■

DONLIN GOLD SUPPORTS SAFETY IN IRON DOG RACE

It is important for Iron Dog racers to be ready to ride through some of Alaska's most challenging terrain since they are participating in the world's longest and toughest snowmachine race – over 2,000 miles. To help racers prepare for their journey, Donlin Gold sponsored this year's annual Iron Dog Safety Expo, which provided racers and the public with snowmachine safety demonstrations and a pre-race safety inspection of the racers' rides and gear.

Donlin Gold stresses the importance of snowmachine safety, including wearing a helmet. Donlin Gold is a premier sponsor of the Iron Dog and a principal sponsor of the race's Nome halfway gold prize.



Photos (Top): Donlin Gold External Affairs Manager Kurt Parkan provides a snowmachine helmet at the Iron Dog Safety Expo. (Bottom Left): Fans support their teams at the Iron Dog Start. (Bottom Right): Donlin Gold Community Relations Manager Mary Sattler with Iron Dog Team 19, Steven Boney and Arthur Laroux of Bethel.



WINTER WEATHER: INDOOR SAFETY

As the temperature drops, many of us tend to spend more time indoors. It's important to follow certain practices to ensure the safety of our homes and families as we try to stay warm. The following are some indoor safety tips for winter (provided by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention).

INDOOR SAFETY DURING WINTER:

- Use fireplace, wood stoves or other combustion heaters only if they are properly vented to the outside and do not leak gas into the indoor air space.
- Never use a charcoal or gas grill indoors—the fumes are deadly.
- Keep as much heat as possible inside your home.
- Check the temperature in your home often during severely cold weather.
- Do not leave heating devices, such as electric heaters or candles, unattended.
- Do not allow water from dripping faucets to go down the drain. Instead, catch it in buckets or pans. Slow, running water can freeze and block your drainpipe.

CORPS CONTINUES WITH DONLIN GOLD PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

In January, the US Army Corps of Engineers began hosting scoping meetings to get public input on the proposed Donlin Gold project as the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) gets underway. There are different ways the public can provide input: by participating in a scoping meeting or by submitting comments by mail or email to the Corps.

The EIS scoping period ends on March 29, 2013. The Corps expects to publish the results of the scoping meetings in May.

The scoping meetings and comment period provide opportunities for people who may be affected by the proposed project to express their concerns and insight, and offer input for the Corps to consider. During a scoping meeting, attendees are given a brief overview of the Donlin Gold project and the Corps explains the EIS process. Attendees at the scoping meeting can either provide their comments verbally or can submit their written comments. Sharing your thoughts about how the proposed project could potentially affect you, your community and the environment are helpful for those developing the EIS. Also, if you are aware of any literature that describes the current or past environment, these are valuable things to share in your comments.

An updated schedule of the scoping meetings is provided on the Corps' project website, www.DonlinGoldEIS.com. The next opportunity for public review of the proposed Donlin Gold project will be after the release of the draft EIS, which is projected to be in August 2014. ■

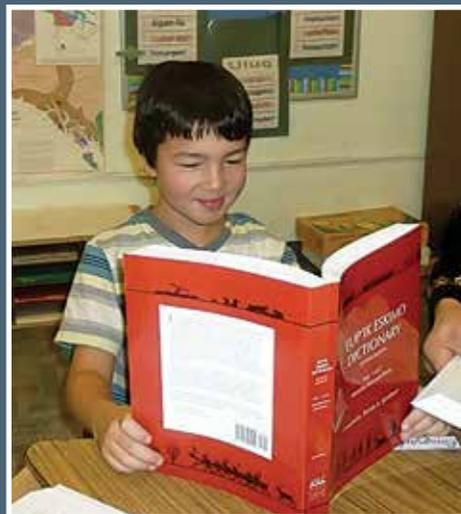


Regulatory Division

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC SCOPING PROCESS (Provided by the US Army Corps of Engineers)

- Bring written comments to a meeting
- Use the comment form on the project website, www.DonlinGoldEIS.com
- Email: comments@DonlinGoldEIS.com
- Fax comments to: (907) 562-1297
- Write to: Don Kuhle,
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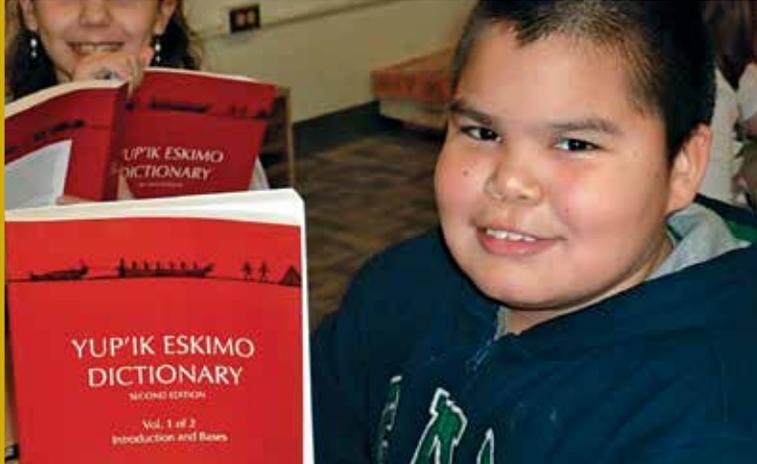
Van Mat'vii Kapsner, third grader at Ayuprun Elitnaurvik Yup'ik Immersion School in Bethel.

DONLIN GOLD PROVIDES YUP'IK DICTIONARIES TO YK STUDENTS

Students and school libraries throughout the Yukon Kuskokwim region have been receiving Yup'ik dictionaries donated by Donlin Gold. The donation stems from a project Donlin Gold has been participating in, the National Dictionary Project. That project provides third graders with a dictionary to encourage students to become good writers, readers and resourceful thinkers at a young age. However, many schools in the YK region incorporate the traditional and cultural values into their teaching and education plans. This includes teaching the Yup'ik language.

The Yup'ik dictionaries, provided by Donlin Gold, are an updated version of a dictionary that was originally published in 1984 by the Alaska Native Language Center at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Many schools have said the dictionaries help enhance their focus on language and culture.

"As future leaders in the area, knowledge of Yup'ik language and culture is critically important to our students," said Daniel Walker, the Assistant Superintendent of the Lower Kuskokwim School District. "Donlin Gold's donation will help provide an additional, rich resource for our students." ■

IN THIS NEWSLETTER YK STUDENTS PROVIDED WITH YUP'IK DICTIONARIES

Donlin Gold recently provided each student at Ayaprun Elitnaurvik Immersion School with a Yup'ik dictionary, including this third grader, George Tutmaralia Gregory.

DONLIN GOLD SUPPORTS SPECIAL IDITAROD WISH

You can call it the best seat in the house, except instead of a house it is the ceremonial start of the Iditarod in Anchorage. You can feel the cold crisp air on your face as you hear dozens of dogs barking with excitement and see hundreds of fans lined up on the street watching sled dog teams prepare to take off. Behind you is the leader of the pack; chances are it's a musher that has placed in the top 10 and you are sitting in their sled, waiting to ride off with the team.

Not everyone gets to have the Iditarider experience. In fact, many people pay thousands of dollars for the chance to ride in the musher's dog sled for the first 11 miles of the Iditarod ceremonial start. It is an opportunity many people wish for, including 13-year-old Hannah O'Toole of Glastonbury, Connecticut. But this year, Hannah's wish will come true.

Donlin Gold is offering this unique Iditarod opportunity to Hannah and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. An avid dog lover, Hannah will also get to have lunch with all of the Iditarod mushers prior to the start of the race and will have special access at the race restart in Willow, Alaska.

According to the foundation, Hannah's first wish is to go dog sledding. She chose this wish because she wanted to experience the winter environment and the dogs. Donlin Gold is pleased to help make Hannah's wish come true and share the experience of the Last Great Race.

For the third consecutive year, Donlin Gold is a Principal Partner Sponsor of the Iditarod, celebrating the Yukon Kuskokwim region's history in mining and mushing. Donlin Gold is also sponsoring three Iditarod mushers from the YK region: Mike Williams Sr. and Mike Williams Jr. of Akiak, and Pete Kaiser of Bethel. Donlin Gold would like to wish all of the mushers a safe and fun race, and may Hannah have a wonderful experience during her ride. ■



13-year-old Hannah O'Toole will get to ride in the sled of an Iditarod musher during the ceremonial start in Anchorage this year.