

Thank You.

Donlin Gold was pleased by the amount of businesses, organizations, corporations, board members and Alaska residents that took the time to comment on the Donlin Gold Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Your voice shapes the future of the Donlin Gold project, and your questions, concerns, statements and support will all be reviewed and considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps) and cooperating agencies, for the final EIS.

We are extremely thankful for the strong support many participants have shown during the Donlin Gold DEIS comment period. Donlin Gold is committed to continuing meetings with stakeholders to discuss the project as we move forward in the permitting process.

Below you can see some of the statements made by those who attended the Corps' public comment meetings or sent letters in support of Alternative 2 for the Donlin Gold project. ■

“Our people talk of subsistence, but I tell them without dollars we can't subsist. We need financial assistance to purchase gas, fuel, ammo, food and transportation to pursue our subsistence quests. The Donlin Gold project will bring jobs and money to our region and can be done safely.” – Bethel Resident

“The project has made extraordinary efforts to design a project that exceeds current environmental regulatory standards, including state of the art emission control and surface and ground water protection.”
– Calista Corporation Representative

“On a tour of the Barrick Gold Mine in Elko, Nevada, I saw first hand how a mine can be environmentally sound, and reclamation of the land can be in near pristine condition.”
– Mountain Village Resident

“Having a project like the Donlin Gold mine will have a huge and positive impact on the area. It will allow the people here to make a good living.” – Former Russian Mission Resident

“For a region that is both the poorest in Alaska, and the most expensive to live in, the benefits that Donlin Gold offers with this multi-year, environmentally responsible project are tremendous.” – Brice Environmental Representative

“The Donlin Gold project gives YK residents an opportunity for education and to learn new skills, such as working with heavy-duty equipment. I sincerely hope the project goes through and provides the opportunity for economic development in our region, and jobs and money for our people.” – Bethel Resident

“Donlin Gold will bring many opportunities to the YK region with their demonstrated commitment to local hire and a drug and alcohol-free work zone. Residents will be motivated to give up dangerous vices, which could lead to fewer drug and alcohol related deaths.”
– Akiachak Resident

“With high-paying jobs, the people of the YK region will have a steady source of income, allowing them to pay for expenses that help support a subsistence way of life, such as hunting materials, transportation and gas.” – YK Region Resident



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Team two in the EXCEL Alaska Academic and Career Decathlon working on their team banner.

Clean Up Green Up

During the month of April, the Clean Up Green Up initiative kicked off with 50 YK region villages participating. Clean Up Green Up is a national event, promoted by Donlin Gold in the region, in order to encourage everyone to practice care for their environment and to dispose of litter properly. During this event, members of the community participate by cleaning up litter that settled in over the long, snowy winter, improving the look of their community, as well as the health and safety of villages in the YK region.

Donlin Gold provides monetary donations to the villages taking part in the Clean Up Green Up initiative to help encourage participation and show appreciation for those making their communities a cleaner, safer place to live. The donations provided are distributed in different forms: while some communities choose to offer prizes to those who collect the most litter, others draw from the names of those who participated in the cleanup effort, with the winners receiving a prize.

We are grateful for those who volunteer and work hard to keep the communities clean. Donlin Gold is committed to doing our part to keep Alaska's landscape safe and healthy.

Donlin Gold believes picking up litter leads to safer, healthier and happier communities. Let's work together as we continue to make our communities cleaner. ■



The village of Chefornak participating in the Clean Up Green Up initiative.

DONLIN GOLD IS COMMITTED TO CREATING A SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE MINING PROJECT THAT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES IN THE YUKON KUSKOKWIM REGION TO LIVE IN HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES



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MILESTONE MOMENTS

Donlin Gold reached another milestone as the six-month-long public comment period on the Donlin Gold Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) came to an end. We appreciate all those who took time to attend meetings and submit comments to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps). There was an outpour of participation and support, both locally and across the state, from businesses, native corporations, public officials and residents.

The Corps and cooperating agencies are currently reviewing your comments on the Donlin Gold DEIS. These comments will help shape the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which will take at least a year to complete.

Donlin Gold continues to work toward receiving the necessary permits from federal, state and local agencies for the project to move into construction and operation. This process is extensive and helps us develop a safe, efficient and feasible project.

During this time, between the closing of the public comment period and release of the final EIS, Donlin Gold will continue to reach out to individual and organization stakeholders throughout the YK region. Through our extensive outreach efforts, Donlin Gold continues our commitment toward ensuring a transparent, inclusive and open process for all. Your engagement is valuable and appreciated as Donlin Gold works with Calista Corporation and The Kuskokwim Corporation toward building an environmentally responsible project that enhances the quality of life in the YK region. ■



Face to Face with Stan Foo



Our team and many other individuals and organizations have invested a significant amount of time and work in the Donlin Gold permitting process. The past six months have been especially busy, with many people attending meetings and sending letters to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the public comment period for the Donlin Gold Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). I had the pleasure of attending some of the meetings, speaking with the attendees and reading some of your letters. I was very impressed and thankful for the high level of participation. Quyanana to all who commented on the Donlin Gold DEIS. Your comments help shape the future of the project, which will in turn contribute to much-needed economic development in the YK region.

With summer now upon us, Donlin Gold is pleased to participate in many of the festivals and safety events throughout the region. Chances are, you've seen our team or have even spoken with them while they were distributing life vests and promoting water safety along the Kuskokwim River. If you do spot us, I encourage you to say hello to our team and ask for safety tips on the open water, as they are happy to assist.

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer and remembers to practice safety by using precaution, staying aware of your surroundings and wearing your life vest when on or near the water. I encourage everyone to do their part in keeping our communities safe and helping to prevent accidents, whether you are on the water, or on land.

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

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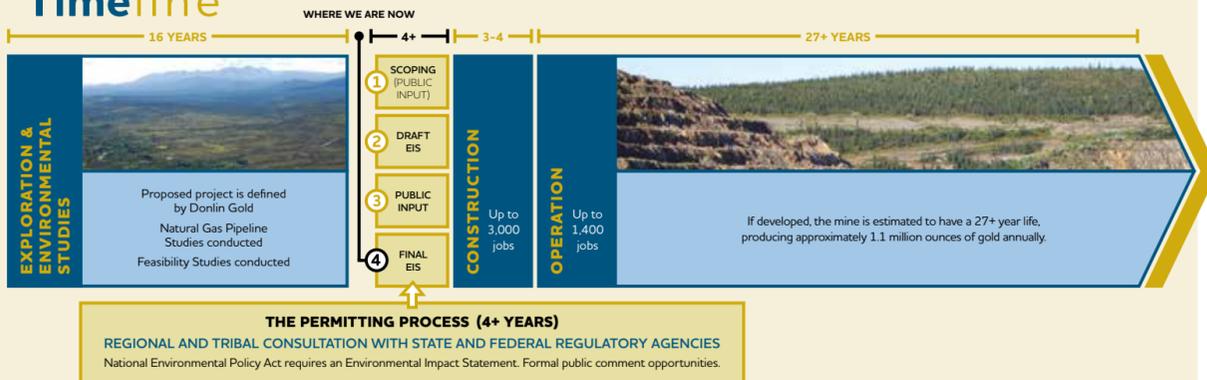
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STRENGTHENING KNOWLEDGE FOR THE FUTURE



One hundred and forty students from three school districts competed in academic, athletic and leadership competitions in the Donlin Gold sponsored 2016 EXCEL Alaska Academic and Career Decathlon.

Timeline



The Donlin Gold project will provide thousands of high-paying jobs once it receives the necessary permits to move into construction and operation, with hiring preference given to The Kuskokwim Corporation and Calista Corporation shareholders. Up to 3,000 jobs could be offered during construction, and between 600 to 1,200 jobs during the mine's 27 years or more of operating life.

Now is the time to prepare for the possible increase in job opportunities by receiving the necessary training, education and skills to qualify for various opportunities that will be available. By obtaining postsecondary education, you are not only opening yourself up to

opportunities with Donlin Gold, but also other employers that require technical and industrial skills and education.

Youth in the YK region are already preparing for the future workforce by participating in the annual EXCEL Alaska Academic and Career Decathlon, a four-day academic competition sponsored by Donlin Gold. The annual event took place in Aniak in April, with 140 students from three Western Alaska school districts in attendance. Also in attendance were 22 postsecondary providers and employers throughout Alaska, participating in an effort to provide students with opportunities to further their education after high school.

Students competing in the decathlon exercised their abilities in math, science, speech, essay writing, social studies, keyboarding, constructive engineering, iMovie design and other academic subjects. These skills can be directly applied to future workforce opportunities and help better prepare young students for careers.

"Workforce development, education and training is a primary focus for us. Supporting and working with youth from the YK region is essential in preparing a future workforce at Donlin Gold," said Meg Day, human resources manager at Donlin Gold.

Student EXCEL opportunities can be found at www.Kuspuk.org/domain/43

Donlin Gold is pleased to take part in programs that encourage the pursuit of knowledge and enhance employability skills. To view a list of jobs that will be available if the Donlin Gold mine moves forward into construction and operation, visit www.DonlinGold.com/employees